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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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## A. S. Bureau of Investigation

Repartment of Justice 1900 Bankers Eldg., Chicago, Illinois April 21, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. 0. #1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.#1219: et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

In view of recent communication from the Saint Paul Office indicating that WILLIAM WEAVER, Saint Paul Police No. 23452, is definitely associated with the Karpis-Barker Gang, it is desired that you furnish this office with twenty-five copies of the photograph of William Weaver attached hereto.

Kindly return the original photograph with the copies.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Cuura

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, S. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers! Building, Chicago, Illinois.

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In compliance with the request contained in your letter of April 21, 1934, there are transmitted herewith 25 copies of the photograph of William Meaver, \$23452 St. Faul, Minnesota Police Department.

Twenty copies of this photograph are also being furnished to Inspector Borer with a copy of this letter.

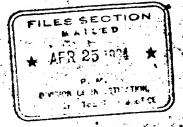
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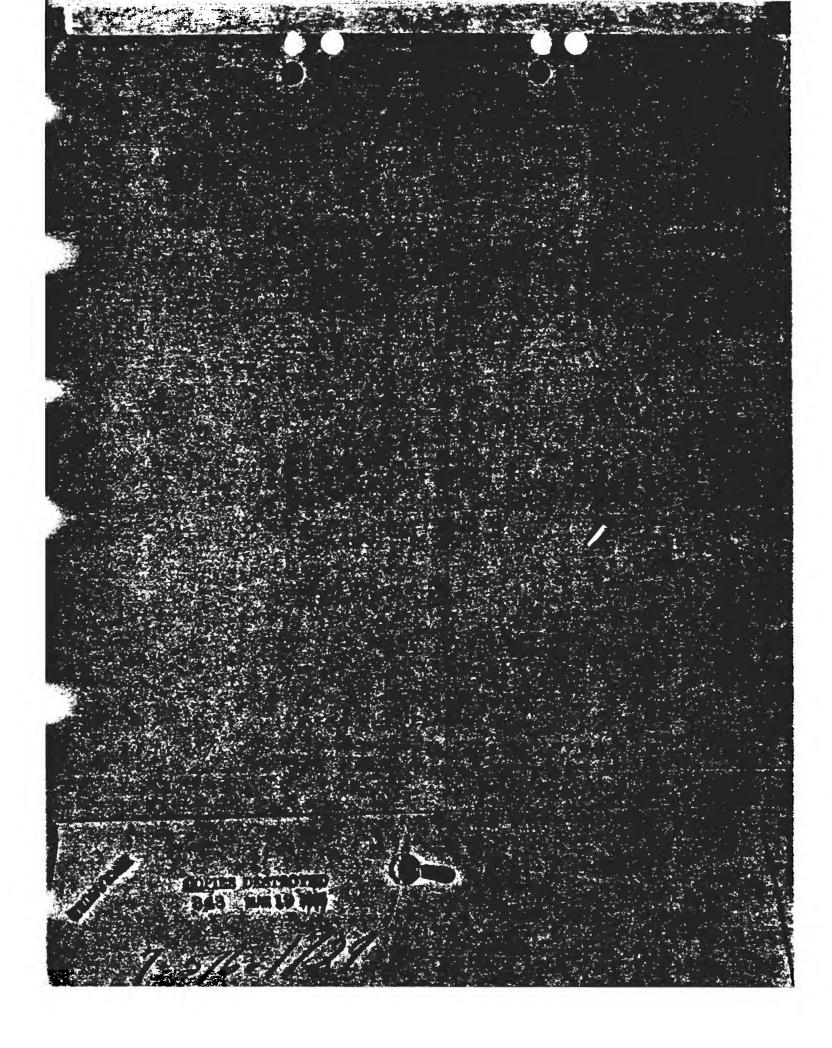
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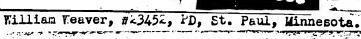






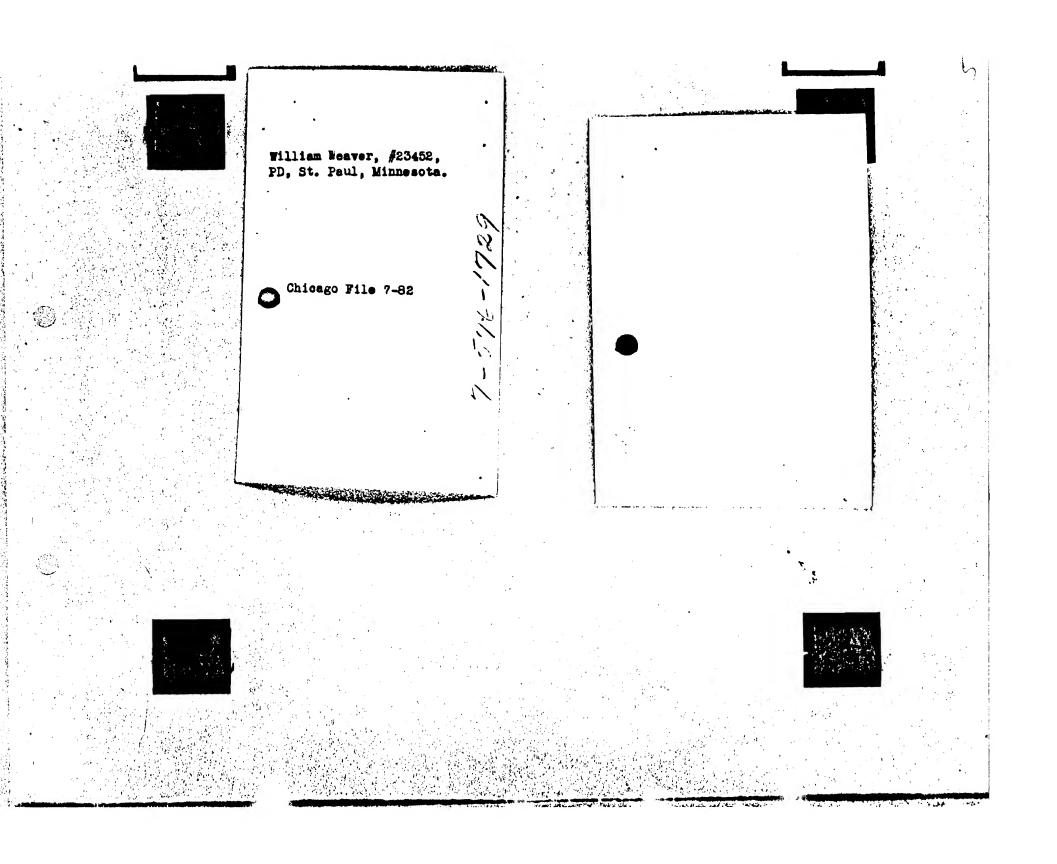












Division of Investigation M. S. Bepartment of Justice

> P. 0. Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota.

> > April 20, 1934.

Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division's letters of March 15 and 28, 1934 requesting that the Division be advised which of the individuals whose names have been submitted by the St. Paul Police Department as possible suspects in the above entitled case are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers and extortionists. Please be advised that it is felt that the fingerprints of the following individuals should be permanently entered in the single fingerprint file:

✓ Morris L. Weiss, St. Paul Police No. 23733 William H. Reilly, St. Paul Police No. 23976 Thomas Carroll, St. Paul Police No. 23979 A William Hart, St. Paul Police No. 25981 OAlbert DuVol, St. Paul Police No. 23982 William Niemeyer, St. Paul Police No. 24456 William Vones, St. Paul Police No. 23003 James Brock, St. Paul Police No. 24075 Walter Wilder, St. Paul Police No. 24346 VBenthurvitz, St. Paul Police No. 24310 Carl Huseby, St. Paul Police No. 24245
Harry Waffa, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police No. 19016 Sam Vaffa; Minneapolis Police No. 19677 William Jaffa, Minneapolis Police No. 16545.

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H. H. CLEGG Inspector.

Very truly yours,

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May 2, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Glagg, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota.

. Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 20, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al. Unknown Subjects; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, in which you advise the names of the individuals which you consider such outstanding criminals as to surrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file. These names were selected from the list previously submitted by the St. Paul Police Department. The fingerprints of the specially selected individuals are being entered in the single fingerprint file with the exception of filliam Bart, St. Paul Police Department #23981; Albert Duvel, St. Paul Police Department #23982; and James Brock, St. Paul Police Department #24078. As indicated in Division .: letter of April 11, 1934, it has not been possible to locate fingerprint records in the Identification Unit for William Hart, and me definite identification could be made concerning Albert Devol and James Brock. It is requested that if possible fingerprints of these individuals be obtained and submitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SYNOPSISOFFACTS: He information obtainable in Tacoma, or Seattle, Yashington to effect that Edward W. Bentz or Theodore Bentz have been in this section recently. George Bentz, brother of Edward and Theodore Bentz, is not employed by any fish company in Tacoma or Seattle, Confidential information obtained through Chief of Police, Tacoma, Washington to effect George Bents is still residing in Chicago, Illinois and recently underwent a very serious eperation.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - 1. 0. \$1218; ARTHUR R. CRARKER, with alianes - I. O. #1219-et al

Edward George Bremmer - Victim

Report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated April 2, 1934; report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregen, date March 22, 1954, also wire from Chicago, Illinois Division office, dated March 27, 1954.

Chief of Pelice M. B. Duy, Tacom, Washington, Detective L. Burgerson, Jack Klick, Harry Shoner, and Captain Ross, also of the Tabo Police Bepartment, who have been working in cooperation with the writer in an effort to locate Mward W. Bests and Mis brother Theodore Bests, have been sentacted on several sectaions recently but have been unable to obtain any ex as to the present whereabouts of Edward

The above named officers advised the writer that they had informants where in case the Bentz brothers showed up in Tacoma, would advise immediately as they held a warrant for Edward W. Bentz on a charge of bank robbery and that Theodore Bentz was also wanted by the American Express Company at Seattle, Washington; that they would be apprehended and this office advised immediately. Agent was further advised that Ernest R. Johnson, a mephew of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz, was residing with his aunt Mrs. Frank Keller, at 816 South Grant Street, Tacoma; that should Ernest R. Johnson or his aunt Mrs. Frank Keller be contacted they would immediately relay any information obtained to the Bentz brothers.

Upon receipt of reference wire from Chicago advising that George Bentz, a brother of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz, had left Chicage. Illinois in an old Willys-Knight Sedan, Maroon color, bearing 1934, Illinois license number 502-671, motor number 158636, factory number 2506 with trailor attached, bearing 1934 Illinois license number 502 W enroute to Tacoma, Washington and expected to go to work for the San Juan Fish Company at Tacoma, the writer immediately furnished this information to the Tacoma Police Department, also the Pierce County Sheriff's office. It was ascertained that there was no San Juan Fish Company in Tacoma but that there was a San Juan Fish Company in Seattle, Washington. A check of all other Fish Companies in Tacoma failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz.

Chief of Police M. B. Guy, Tacoma advised agent that he had obtained information through a Police informant that was reliable, that George Bentz was still residing in Chicago, Illinois and had recently undergone a very serious operation and was no doubt confined in the hospital at the present time. The name of the hospital he had been unable to ascertain.

A check of the San Juan Fish Company in Seattle also failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz. A further check of all other fish companies in Seattle failed to disclose any information as to George Bentz.

Reference wire also stated that Rose Kelso, a sister of the Bentz brothers, resided in Seattle. This information is incorrect as the last information this office had Rose Kelso was residing in Dallas, Texas, street address unknown.

The information to the effect that Edward W. and Theodore Bentz were believed traveling in a blue or black Lincoln Sedan, bearing Indiana license number 410-864 was furnished the Tacoma, Seattle, and Everett, Washington police and Sheriff's office upon receipt of same with instructions to hold all parties found in car bearing above license number.

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Fred Ewen, Chief Criminal Investigator, Pierce County
Sheriff affice, Tacoma, advised the writer that he was continuing his efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of the Bentz brothers; that affelt certain that they would not come to Tacoma or even into the state of washington as they were too well known in this section. Mr. Ewen also advised against contacting Mrs. Frank Keller, a sister of the Bentz brothers, who resides at 816 S. Grant Street, Tacoma, and Ernest R. Johnson, a nephew who is now residing with Mrs. Keller.

O. D. Colby, Special Agent American Express Company and H. H. Maxwell Special Agent Railway Express Company, Seattle were again contacted and advised they had been unable to obtain any information as to the Bents brothers.

Reforts to locate and interview Harry L. Stratton, who resides at 6118 Latonia Street, Scattle, have been unsuccessful to date. Further efforts will be made in the near future to interview above party.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: Will make discreet investigation at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, the home of George Bentz, and if possible verify the fact that he recently underwent a serious operation and it is possible he is now confined in some hospital in Chicago.

PORTIAND OFFICE: At Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, will keep in touch with all sources of information that will assist in the location of Edward W. and Theodore Bentz. Will also interview Harry L. Stratton, 6118 Latonia Street, Seattle for any information he may furnish.

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#### A.S. Department of Justice DIVISION OF WVESTIGATION

P. O. Box 1276 Oklahoma City, Oklahome April 19, 1934

EMB:MMB 7-36

Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. 0. 1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of April 5, 1934 re: "Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1201, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner (obviously intended to pertain to the Alvin Karpis file), in which you requested the reasons for the discrepancy appearing in the telegram from this office in the Alvin Karpis file under date of February 19, 1934, and the telegram from this office dated March 31, 1934.

In the absence of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, I am unable to advise as to how the information was obtained as furnished the Division under date of February 19, 1934. Reference is made, however, to a letter from this office in the above titled case (Alvin Karpis) under date of March 51, 1934 confirming telegraphic information furnished under date of March 31, 1934, and outlining the method by which the information was developed as shown in the telegram from this office dated March 31, 1934. As stated in that letter, investigation was conducted by Special Agent Earle M. Black at Okmulgee and Henryetta, Oklahoma, where the original records were examined.

Your letter of April 5th will be brought to the attention of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, upon his return to this office, and if he is in position to add anything to this letter, he no doubt will furnish the Division with his observations.

Acting Special Agent

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cc-Mr. Rorer (St. Paul)

## H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois April 20, 1934



Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al Edward George Bremer, Victim OKIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, April 5, 1934, page three, wherein it is noted that photostatic copies of the bill of sale executed by W. B. LOHMAN to the Auburn California Company, covering the 1933 Dodge Sedan, were forwarded to the Division.

This bill of sale contains the signature of W. B. LOHMAN and no copies of said signature have been furnished the Chicago Office.

It is, therefore, requested that the Division furnish this office with at least fifteen photostatic copies of the signature of W. B. LOHMAN.

Yery truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:St. Paul
Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. B. Department of Justice, 1900 Benkers' Building, Chicago, Illinois. RB: ALVIM KARPIS, with alieses, Identification Order 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDBAPING. Dear Sire In compliance with the request contained in your letter of April 20, 1934, there are transmitted herewith fifteen photostatie copies of the signature of one W. B. Lohman, which appears on the bill of sale executed by this individual to the Auburn California Company, covering 1933 Bodge Seden, a photostatic copy of which bill of sale was forwarded to the Division with the report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, dated at los Angeles, California, April 5, 1934. SIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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H. S. Department of Instice P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

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April 20,1934.

Director, Division of Investigation, U.S.Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.0.#1218, et al.

EDWARD GEORGY BREAMER, Victim.
(KIDNAPING.

St.Paul File No.7-30

Reference is made to Division letter dated April 14, 1934, addressed to Inspector H.H.Clegg, at St.Paul, Minness ta, and to my letter to the Division dated April 18,1954, in connection with teletype message from the Division informing that arrangements had been perfected whereby telegrams could be examined at St.Paul and Minneapolis, Minnessta, in the above case.

The teletype message from the Division, referred to in Mr.Cowley's memorandum has now been found. It was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the St.Paul Office and no mention was made therein to the BREMER case and, consequently, it was not brought to my attention but was initiated by Mr.Hanni and placed in the St.Paul Division Office administrative file entitled, "Sources of Information".

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Very truly yours,

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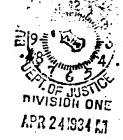
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### H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice 1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois April 20, 1934



Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER. with aliases, I.O.#1219: et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the fact that serious consideration has been given to WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN and vicinity as a possible hideout where BREMER was held, a plat of a portion of the City of Whitewater was secured from Mr. R. Y. Prown, County Attorney, Whitewater, Wisconsin.
That portion of the blat secured reflects a portion of the town in the vicinity of Wisconsin Street, located north of and between Tripp Lake and Cravath Lake.

Photostatic copies of that portion of the plat of Whitewater have been prepared for the Division, the Saint Paul and Chicago Offices. The photostat described above is marked No. 1 and is divided into Parts Nos. 1 and 2. The west portion of Part No. 1 should be Joined with the east portion of Part No. 2 to give you a proper picture of that portion of Whitewater under consideration.

This office also secured from Mr. Brown, a plat of White water Township, showing the vicinity particularly to the immediate south of Whitewater, Wisconsin. This has also been photostated and copies are being forwarded to the Division and the Saint Paul Office. This plat is marked No. 2.

This office has prepared enlarged photostatic copies of Whitewater Township, as reflected by the maps previously furnished this office by the Division, which maps were secured from the Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey. Three copies of the above mentioned maps are being furnished the Division, two to the Saint Paul Office, while a sufficient number is being retained in

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MAR 19 1965 Investigation already conducted and to be conducted at Whitewater will be reported separately.

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M. H. PURVIS

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

10th 10,1934

Special Agent in Charge. Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O.Box 1276. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

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Bo: ALVIE EARSE, with all see, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION tietin. PARTMENT OF JUSTICE U. S. S. FILE

In confirmation of my telegrem to you on the trentieth instant, it is desired that PROZNID DOKALD alies VILLIAN TANK alies BILL SCOTT be discreetly located in order that he may be questioned in this case. Information received by this office indicates that he is very probably one of the kidnapers as he is known to have been a very close associate of the BAHKER-KARPIS GAEG, for some time. His eriminal record, as furnished by your effice, indicates that he was a suspect with FRED BARKER in a jovelry theft at Vinita, Oklahoma, during 1950.

For some time past, this effice has lecated apartments formerly occupied by the BARKER-KARPIS GARG, at which time laurally marks were obtained from elothing. This effice has, recently, located on spartment wherein PHORNIX DONALD alies WRAVER alies SCOTT resided in the early part of 1954 and the laundry marks found on his elothing are similar to laundry marks proviously found in elething obtained fro he BANKER-KARPIS GARG, which is in the pessession of this effice.

BESSIE SKIRWER, someout of EUGINE GREEN, document, Man close friend of MIRTLE BATON, of to of CLARENCE BATON alias DOC BATON. benk rebber and ex-convict, who is an essectate of the BARKER-KARPIN AND According to BESSIE SKIMER, PROBERTY DORALD is, and has been, in laws with MINTLE EARCH for a long time and keeps in close communication with her. This effice is informed that DONALD receives mail from his family through MINTLE LIDE, Efforts are being made to lecate MINTLE LAW and it is desired that every effort be exerted towards the location &

column since it has been determined that positioned her apartment, which is apartment 104,565 Fortland Avenue, St. Peul, Minness to, Lundictaly following the shoeting of EDDIE SERES, on April 5,1984.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR

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INDEXEC In accordance with the telephonic request of ir. Newby, there are transmitted herewith 6 abstracts of the criminal record as reflected by our files of irs. C. P. Harmon with aliases and le photographic copies of a photograph appearing on fingerprints submitted by the Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, received in this Unit June 8, 1928. It will be observed that the New Orleans, Louisiana, arrest was not reflected in previous correspondence as this fingerprint card was found in the file on a research of the original

The following description appears on the fingerprints received from New Orleans:

> Color - White Age - 25 Weight - 96 Height - 5' 12" B.F. Build - Slim Complexion - Fair Hair - Chestnut Eyes - Hazel Residence - San Antonio, Texas Place of birth - Savannah, Georgia. DIN KIN

On fingerprints received in this Unit March 6, 1926, from the Sheriff's office, Council Eluffs, Iowa, her residence is shown as Port Arthur, Texas, place of birth, Demorest, Georgia.

On fingerprints received from the Police Department, Houston, Texas, reflecting her arrest in March, 1924, her residence was given as 200 12th Street, Fort Arthur, Texas.

On prints received from the Chicago Division Office, reflecting Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa; #1303, arrested by american Express agents, her; place of birth is again shown as Demorest, Georgia, and residence as Port Arthur, Texas, (home of parents). This card has the following notation:

"Arrested at Rock Island, Ill., 2/25/26 by Am. Express Agts. and Police, AN Chg. Fugitive, B & E Am. Ry. Express Office and U.S. P.O.; Returned to Davenport, Ioa., waiving extradition. Returned to Council Bluffs by Sheriff, Pott County. Turned over to Federal for robbery of Underwood, Ioa. P.O. 2/20/26. Released by Federal and State."

Memo Mr. Clegg Re: Mrs. C. P. Harmon with aliases April 18, 1934.

The back of the fingerprint record from Council Bluffs, lews, contains the following:

"Accomplices: C. P. Harmon #1505; Jas. I. Harmon #1506; Leota Graham

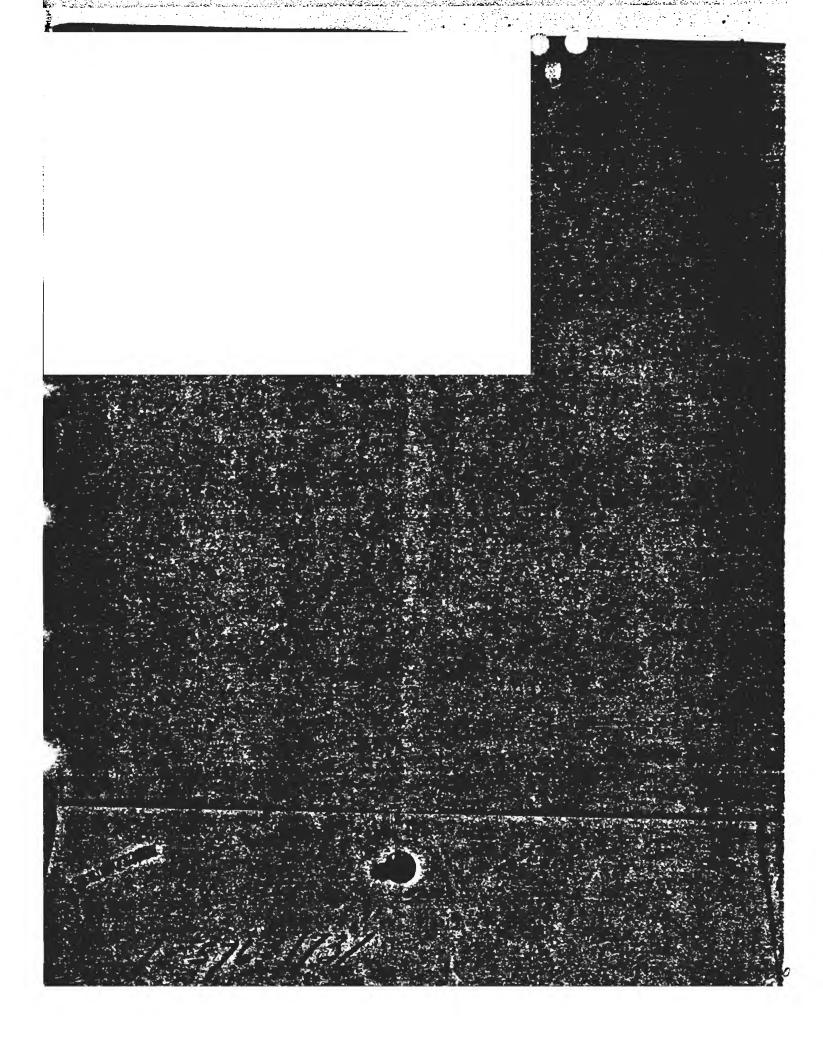
#1305 and #1306 bot four silvertown cord tires in Omaha in Feb. 1926 made a small payment and had them sent C.O.D. by the Am. Ry. Express to Elkhorn, Neb., and then broke into the depot and stole the tires which were later found on a Hupmobile Sedan owned by #1304, at the time of their arrest at Rock Island, Ill. The depot at Elkhorn burned down the same night it was robbed but none of these parties claimed any knowledge of it (nite of Feb. 9th 1926)

\*A \$750 far coat was ordered from Brandeis, Omaha, Nebr. and sent C.O.D. to Greenwood, Neb. by express but this job was passed by these men as "suspicious". Later one of these women as "Miss of Connor" spent some time in selecting and having altered several dresses and lingerie, etc., from Goldstein-Chapman Store, Omaha, Nebr., which were ordered sent C.O.D. by express to Weston, Ioa. Said shipment to be there on Sat. Febr. 20th 1926 sure. On same day Feb. 18th 1926 #1506 called at Browning-King Store, Omaha, and selected a suit of clothes and shoes ordering them sent by express to Underwood, Ica. Said shipment went out not by express but by Parcel Post C.O.D. Sat. nite Feb. 20 1926, the depot at Underwood was broken into and parcel not found so they broke into the P.O. and secured the Parcel and some \$90 worth of stamps. Passing up the Weston job as mot 'looking good' as operator was still on duty. The women were in said car 🤞 at the time of this robbery and they all went to Des Moines, Ica. where they had shipments by express sent to Dallas Center - Grimes and Redfield Ioa. The men robbed Redfield and were frightened away from the depot at Dallas Center (which was "planted" by Sheriff and agents) by the Deputy Sheriff exposing himself as they were in the act of entering the operator's window. They drove out of town behind the Sheriff's posse without lights and observing Sheriff turn around they did the same and drove back and out the other side of town and later drove into Des Moines and then to Rock 🔧 Island, Ill. where they were arrested. A dozen sticks of 40% dynamite were in their hand bag also a full box of caps. #1506 had a stick of dynamite with cap and fuse in his pocket when arrested."

Six sets of photographic signature of Mrs. Harmon will be submitted.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.





Marie Mayer, #11622, PD, New Orleans, La. 7-576-1737



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S. Department of Justica, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota. Dear Sir: with reference to the request signed by Mr. Clegg and received by teletype dated April 16, 1934, you are advised that the fingerprints of George Helson, alias Baby Face, our #542742, and of Paula Barmon, our \$105880, have been compared with the latest fingerprints in both the Bremer and Dillinger cases with megative results. Yery truly yours.

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P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 21, 1934.

Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. OKIDNAPING. Bt. Paul file 7-30.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Division's letter dated March 30, 1934, forwarding to the St. Paul and the Chicago offices topographical maps obtained from the United States Geographical Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., there having been indicated on the Briggsville quadrangle, map No. 14, the spot where the four gas cans were believed to have been located.

Please be advised that from examination of the memorandum of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 13, 1934, and a map of Columbia County, Wisconsin, which was obtained by Agent McKee at that time, the spot as indicated on map No. 14 where the cans were located, is correct.

Very truly yours

Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. COWLEY

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Oklahoma City this evening. He stated he feels that the situation at the Oklahoma City Office is in rather bad shape at the regard to the three major cases, namely, the Bremer sase, the Barrow case, and the Dillinger case.

The Barrow case was assigned to Agent Hollis on February 6, 1935. the present time Agent Hollis is at Tulsa, which of course handicaps his working on the Barrow case. In addition to this fact, Agent Hollis is being transferred to another office. The Dillinger case has been assigned to Agent Butterworth, a who has been at Little Rock for the last couple of months. The Brener case was assigned to Agent Hansen on February 15th. However, Agent Hansen didn't appear to be well acquainted with the case. Mr. Nathan stated that in justice to the Agent in Charge, he assumes that these cases have been assigned to these Agents in name only, and that he, himself, has been performing all the work on them, or at least has all the information on them. Mr. Mathan instructed Agent Hansen to thoroughly review the Bremer file and he, Mr. Mathan, has been reviewing the Barrow file. There is no indication in the Barrow file that the leads were handled. For instance, there is a memorandum from the Kansas City Office dated April 8, giving information concerning three or four hideouts, although there is no indication that any action has been taken. Mr. Mathan further stated that three or four weeks ago he knew that Paula/Harmon had connections with the Barker-Karpis gang in the Oklahoma City territory, although so far he has found no such indication in the file.

The case of "Pretty Boy" floyd is in about the same status. Mr. Mathan's personal opinion is that there is nothing definite in any file in any office to show that Floyd was located June 16, 1933, in spite of many reports to this effect. W

Mr. Nathan stated he felt cases such as those referred to above should be handled by some one who can work on them intensively and continuously. He suggested that the Agent in Charge should take care of such personally, leaving the routine work of the office for some one clase to handle. I inquired if he felt the Agent in Charge Would be able to personally handle all three of these cases, namely the Bremer, Barrow and Dillinger cases. Mr. Mathan stated that although the Bremer case involves a great amount of work, there is not so much in that territory on Dillinger. He stated there are some hideouts reported in connection with the Barrow case, and contrary to the policy which has previously been followed along this life, he felt that when such a hideout is discovered, an effort should be made to develop a confidential informant in that vicinity. I teld Mr. Mathan I would be more inclined to assign each of these cases to an Agent in the office, instructing the Agent in Charge to exercise particular supervision over them. In this connection, Mr. Mathan expressed the opinion that the only

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Agents in that effice who are competent to handle these cases are Agents Black.
Hansen and Desderick. Mr. Desderick is assigned to Mr. Purvis at the present time with his "raiding squad" and is also a witness to statements that Evelyn Prechette is alleged to have made. It is therefore very uncertain when he will return to Oklahoma City. Mr. Nathan and I agreed that the Floyd and Barrow cases could be assigned to one Agent. The Bremer case needs immediate supervision.

Mr. Nathan stated he was informed by Agents Black and Hansen that the lack of supervision of these cases at the Oklahoma City Office was due to insufficient men.

I instructed Mr. Mathan to assign these cases and to carefully go over them with the individual agents to whom they are assigned. Mr. Mathan stated he wired Mr. Clegg today in an effort to ascertain when Mr. Deaderick may be expected to return to Oklahoma City, and learned that it is very uncertain since it may be necessary for this agent to proceed to St. Paul from the Chicago territory. I instructed Mr. Mathan to again wire Mr. Clegg, indicating that it is imperative that Agent Deaderick return to Oklahoma Citybas soon as possible. Mr. Mathan suggested that he would assign the Bramer case to Mr. Deaderick, the Dillinger case to Mr. Black, and the Barrow and Floyd cases to Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Hathan stated the Agents at Oklahome City are too heavily assigned; that there are ten men earrying thirty-one cases per Agent, which, of course, is entirely too meny. I stated that I felt it would be far less misleading to earry these cases as unassigned. I told Mr. Bathan that I had directed Agent in Charge Brantley to return to Oklahoma City by way of Washington, at which time I would discuss this situation with him. I directed Mr. Mathan to also impress this mpon Mr. Black.

Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that there are a number of unsatisfactory agents in the Oklahoma City Office. I called his attention to the fact that there has been no indication to this effect in the efficiency ratings which have been received. Mr. Nathan stated there is no doubt that a lot of work is being done; that Mr. Brantley has been working until midnight every night. I directed Mr. Mathan to make a survey of the personnel while he is in Oklahoma City, also obtaining Mr. Blackfe views. I directed that he take similar action at Dallas, as well as in any other office at which he may stop, mentioning perticularly the Kanses City Office.

I also directed Mr. Methan to clear up the matters pertaining to Agents Edgar and Black.

With regard to personnel matter, Mr. Nathan will make notes and dictate upon his return to Washington.

Yery truly yours,

Director.

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Faul this morning. after talking with you last might and just before returning the so County Jall, she advised that if we wanted to catch the Barker-Kargis are we should work around Ress, Sevada, which, of source, is consistent with information already in our possession. She stated that the somes friends of this gang gamble a great deal at the Bank Club] which is ewned how a has been previously exmed by a man by the mane offGraham, under income to indictment in New York. One of the Barker boys has lost a great deal of money at the Bank Club. Also, one of the members of this gang (she believe it is one of the Barker boys) is very much in love with a banker's daughter In Reno, who is a widow. She states that if they are not there now, the will return and will appear there frequently because they have a political protection there that is unfailing. Hr. Clegg stated he telephoned ignit in Charge Dowd last night and directed him to have the Agent at Reme call him on the private line so that he could give him that information. I so gested to Mr. Clogg that I fult a squad of Agents should be sent to Reco to bendle this situation. Er. Clegs agreed fully with this suggestion. I directed Mr. Glogg to select approximately three igents qualified for this type of assignment to proceed to Seno from St. Foul and station themselves in this gambling establishment in an effort to apprehend this gang, a stated that if reinforcements are needed later, agents equid proceed fro San Francisco and Salt Take. Er. Clegg stated that Agent in Charge Vetterli wired St. Peul yesterday to the effect that he was leaving Rene in twenty-free hours, leaving only Agent Gore in Rose. I told Mr. Clegg that Mr. Fetterli would be instructed to remain in Hene until the undercover squad from \$1. To

Mr. Cleg stated that the mosan also savised that the same of the big strong nea with the Southern talk" in the Breasr kidnaping case is meaver. She stated she had seen him so many times that she was gave she could identify him. She was in Topaka, Kansas when the kidnaping encurred, here she so did the kidnaping.

Follows: "Bags Green Talks - New S. S. Chief Here." Hr. Class stated that the newspapers had no definite information to this effect, but were only guessing. He stated, however, that one of the bank officials did tip MIX somebody that we examined the safe deposit box. He stated that at course this is an unferfunate break against the woman because she is cooperating now. Hr. Clegs stated they had found some "getaway" tharts and road mass he connection with a beak robbery which was being planned in Issue Last Betarday. She stated that a place was also "spotted" in Misconsin. I direct Mr. Clegs to make every effort to take in this entire met.

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Fr. Clegg further stated that a committee of coroners held an Incianal yesterday over Green and found that his death was attributable to accident in commodion with firearms.

Which the shooting occurred, and the other colored women owns the residence in which the shooting occurred, and the other colored women involved in this case was her sister, who had accompanied her to the apartment to clean up. These two somen have now furnished the address of another apartment which the Greens had sent them to clean up. They obtained a definite statement from Bessie Green last night that Dillinger and Evelyn Frechetti lived in that house, which imposs block from where she lived, and is the same apartment which these two colored women cleaned up on a previous occasion. Hr. Glegg stated that the colored women have been held because they were in the apartment when the shooting occurred. They have employed a lawyer, who is also a colored women, and she agreed with Hr. Glegg that she would allow him to hold these women for a reasonable length of time. Hr. Glegg stated that he and Hr. Enthan felt that probably the best procedure would be to have a talk with these women, advising them that the investigation is not completed, and that as long as they "keep their mouths shut" they needn't werry, and then release when your time today. I approved this suggestion.

With regard to the three men being sent to Reno, I instructed Mr. Glegg to have these Agents keep in touch with him, and that he in turn keep me advised. I told him to advise Mr. Boad that they would be in his district, but that they needn't report to Mr. Boad.

Mr. Clegg stated that complaints were filed this morning against John Hamilton and Evelyn Frechetti, charging them with conspiracy to harbest Dillinger. This is being filed in Minnempolis. I directed Mr. Clegg to have this done promptly because the Attorney General is issuing a statement this morning that Evelyn Frechetti is in custody.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

April 25, 1984 Mr. M. M. Clegg, Division of Investigation, W. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota. Res Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Identification Order #1218;
Arthur Ry Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order #1219;
Edward George Bromer, victia -Kidnaping Dear Sire In response to your telegram of April 21, 1954, there are being ferwarded under separate cover today two copies each of the Topography maps, entitled "White Bear, Minnesota Quadrangle" and "Anoka, Minnesota Quadrangle". Very truly yours, FILES SECTION ★ APR 23 1934 ★ Director. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECORDED APR 24 1954 / 35 DOMEST U. S. Denter

518 Newes Building San Francisco, California.

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Special Ment in Charge, Division of Investigation, U.D. Department of Justice, F.C. Dox 515, Ct. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Ro: ALVE! KIRFIT, with cliases - 1.0. #1218. FUGITIVE.
ANTHUL R. BANKER, with cliases - 1.0.
#1710. et al. FUGITIVE.
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UTIDAN (UBIACIS) ROY J. FRINC: - Victim. Kidneping.

Recently, while at Reno, Revada, through the courtery of the telephone company there, the long distance telephone calls were secured from the home of dillian Graham, J. C. McRay, Jack Bulliven, and Ray Rendeals, the have been mentioned in the reports on the Brower and Frisch kidenaphone cases - also of dillian Golder, who had been mentioned in connection with the Brisch kidnaphone case, and the record of the long distance telephone calls placed from the telephone of Louis Raymont at Reno, together with a record of the calls placed from the gambling and liquor house which he runs, called the "Town House".

Although a number of those calls do not appear to be important at all, and there is no indication that the subjects in the Premer case placed any of these long distance calls, yet a list, in dulicate, is being forwarded to the St. raul and falt Lake City offices, and the Division, and two copies are being kept on file at San Francisco, eving to the fact there might possibly be some telephone number in any of the field offices listed above, which might be dove-tailed into the calls on the list attached hereto, which might present some clue. In addition, this list might possibly be of interest for future reference.

of the telephone company at Reno, and, or course, the information contained in the list should be kept strictly confidential by 51.6 324 provides field offices.

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Special Agent in Charge.

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## TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM "RINO 5203", IN NAME OF JAMES C. MCKAY.

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2 - Brookway, Calif.	19
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7 - Tim. Rd., Calif.	59, to Jack Liatthews from Lire. McKey
7 - Pasadona, Calif.	Laurel 1487
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15 - Yerington, Nevada	23
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21 - Vallejo, Calif.	15
21 - San Francisco	Underhill 9419
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### March, 1934.

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THE PROOF SALLS FROM "RING 6539", IN NAME OF RAY KENDALL.

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On April 14, 15 and 16, 1934, accompanied by Special Agents K. R. McIntire and V. W. Peterson, I made a survey of the towns of Crystal Lake, Cary, Fox River Grove, Algonquin, McHenry, Fox Lake, Woodstock, Harvard, Illinois and White Water, Wisconsin. These towns had been previously covered by Agents attached to the Chicago Office and in all but White Water, Wisconsin it was found that the sounds heard by Bremer were not present. A detailed memorandum is being prepared by me setting out the contacts made and the results of my observations at these towns.

I am enthusiastic, perhaps too enthusiastic, about the prospects of locating the mide-out in the town of White Water, Wisconsin, in spite of the fact that this town does not have the "frequent trains in the morning and afternoon", which were heard by Bremer. It does, however, have most of the other sounds, but they do not exactly coincide with the times indicated by Bremer at which he heard them. In addition to the sounds at White Water, Special Agents R. B. Brown and H. H. Reinecke had previously covered this town and located a store in which the clerks had identified the photographs of Arthur R. Barker and Kate Barker as being identical with individuals who had come to the store in the middle of December and that Arthur R. Barker had purchased an expensive suit without asking the price and waited around the store until the suit had been altered to fit him. The clerks, in viewing the photographs, each selected the two photographs above mentioned as resembling these individuals.

Upon arriving at White Water on the afternoon of April 16th, Agents contacted motorcycle officer Joe Shurin, who at the very outset appeared to be mentally unbalanced in that, immediately after identifying ourselves as being with the Federal Government, he stated that he had valuable information with respect to the Lindbergh kidnaping case; that he had forwarded the information to the New Jersey State authorities, but had never received a reply; that he is quite positive that a week after the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped he saw it in Elkhorn, Wisconsin in a car driven by "Machine Gum" Jack McGurn; that he is quite positive in his identification of McGurn for the reason that

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all Chicago gangsters; that he at one time was a chauffeur for the son of a millionnaire, but he refused to name his employer and Agents did not press him for this information. Agents exhibited photographs of the five principal suspects in the Bremer case to him and he stated that he is quite certain that he has seen Arthur R. Barker, but as to when, where or under what circumstances he could not recall. He indicated that he had under observation several places in and around White Water where gangsters had been hiding out, but that he did not desire to disclose this information to Agents until he had obtained further information to corroborate his suspicions.

He finally suggested that he would point out a place if Agents were willing to accompany him and, accordingly, we accompanied him to the White Water Tavern, about six miles southwest of White Water on State Highway #89, which is alleged to be a gangster hide-out and on the first floor has a bar, a dance floor and a third room which contains dining alcoves. The first floor of this tavern is on the ground level, with living quarters above, and to reach the living quarters it is necessary to go up a flight of stairs.

Agents returned to White Water with Officer Shurin and on the return he stated that he had been receiving information from a woman who was endeavoring to locate a house wherein a machine gun was located and he did not desire Agents to contact this woman until he had obtained all the information with respect to this house. When Agents were about to leave him he stated that if Agents desired to interview this woman he would show them where she lived.

This woman turned out to be Mrs. Leroy shaw, mother of three small children, whose husband was sentenced during the first week of April, this year, to serve from one to four years in the State Reformatory at Greenbay, Wisconsin. The photographs of the five principal suspects were exhibited to Mrs. Shaw and after examining them she selected the photographs of the Barker brothers as resembling individuals who had recently been seen in White Water. Agents questioned her as to their description. She stated that they appeared to be large men and to be of the hardened criminal type. She had no idea as to their age or weight, and stated that they were dressed "like millionnaires" and that they, together with their associates, of which there were at least five in number, had been seen driving up the road past her house in a big black Buick sedan, a Lincoln and a third car, which she believes to have been a Packard. When pressed for further details

Director.

relative to the description of these men she stated, "Oh, yes—one of the men was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform". She further stated that these men were in the vicinity of White Water subsequent to the first of the year and on and off until the latter part of March; that during their stay in that vicinity they had been accompanied by the Pitts sisters, Ida and Iva; that on one occasion, when they were seeking these sisters, they came to her mother—in—law's home and found the Pitts sisters there with her sister—in—law, Ethel Shaw. Her sister—in—law refused to go with them and later told her that these men were escapes from the Kansas State Penitentiary and that they are wanted for murder. Mrs. Shaw stated that her mother—in—law, Mrs. C. W. Shaw, and her sister—in—law, Ethel Shaw, would be able to identify the photographs; that her sister—in—law, Ethel Shaw, was now in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Agents located and interviewed Ethel Shaw at Janesville, Wisconsin, where she was residing in a hotel next to the Jeffry Gardens, on West State Street. She selected the photographs of the Barker brothers as resembling the individuals who were in the vicinity of White Water during January and February and after referring to a diary kept by her she stated that it was on February 15th and 17th that she last saw this group of men; that they had been going with the Pitts sisters and had been giving them money in \$10 denominations to buy clothes; that she refused to go with these men for the reason that they were too hard looking.

Mrs. C. W. Shaw, the mother of Ethel Shaw, was interviewed and she also partially identified the photographs of Fred Barker and Harry Campbell as resembling the individuals who came to her house in a big black Buick sedan seeking the Pitts sisters; that these men were accompanied by a tall man, weighing about 200 pounds, with light hair and blue eyes, who had a pleasant personality, but at the same time appeared to be a hardened criminal.

Efforts were made to obtain from the above individuals some idea as to the vicinity where these men headquartered while at White Water, but without results.

It was ascertained that the Pitts sisters, who are but

15 years of age, although they appear to be older, had, during the
first week in April, been arrested by the State authorities on charges
of immorality and had been sentenced to the Girls' Reformatory at
Milwaukee until they reached the age of 21. Leroy Shaw and his brother,

Francis Shaw, were also arrested, together with others, during the first week of April, charged with having immoral relations with the Pitts sisters, and have each been sentenced to the State Reformatory at Greenbay, Wisconsin.

In view of the information furnished by Mrs. Shaw, her daughter and daughter-in-law, Agent V. W. Peterson was sent to Milwaukee and Greenbay, Wisconsin for the purpose of interviewing the Pitts sisters and the Shaw brothers. The results of these interviews have not yet been ascertained.

Incidentally, it was learned that one of the Civil Works Administration state projects in Wisconsin is to make a survey of each and every home for the purpose of revising tax assessments on all property in the state, and in making the survey squads of men visit the house and in a tabulated report check off the conditions and plot the floor plan of the house on each and every report. These reports are in detail, showing the type of flooring, condition of wallpaper, size of rooms, name of occupants, et cetera, and are available at the county seats. In Wallworth County, Wisconsin, these reports are available at Elkhorn.

Mr. Ralph V. Brown, State's Attorney for Wallworth County, is very cooperative and will go out of his way to assist this Division in locating the house, and when interviewed by me he stated that in the event entrance was refused to any house, suspected of being the house where Bremer was held, he is prepared to issue a search warrant for the premises on the basis that possibly a machine gun is located in the premises, and that he will not need very much proof to support the issuance of such a warrant. Mr. Brown stated that although his office is located at Elkhorn, his home is in White Water, and that he will have in his possession a search warrant available for the use of Agents at any time. He loaned Agents the plat book of Wallworth County, which shows in considerable detail the lots and streets of White Water, Wisconsin, together with the names of property owners, which book was of considerable assistance to Agents in interviewing prominent citizens at White Water, in that they could point out in the plat book the exact houses which would possibly fit the description of the house diagramed by Inspector Borer from information furnished by Bremer.

There is considerable investigation to be made at White Water before this town can be eliminated as the vicinity in which the hide-out is located. It is my purpose to prepare a detailed

memorandum setting forth the results of the investigation in that town and outlining what investigation should be made in the future

In view of the fact that there is a gasoline locomotive that passes through the town twice daily, at approximately 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:15 in the evening, and in approaching the town each time blows a siren, which has a sound characteristic of gasoline locomotives, and also rings a bell in staccato time, which is also characteristic of such locomotives and can be heard from any point in the town, this information was telephoned to Mr. Clegg in order that Mr. Bremer might be further questioned with regard to these sounds. It is noted in the original statement made by Bremer with respect to sounds that he mentions the sounds of a "gasoline (railroad) truck". It may be that this is what Bremer had in mind.

It was also suggested to Mr. Clegg that an intensive investigation be made at Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin, towns located west and slightly south of White Water a distance of about 16 miles and in the territory covered by the St. Paul Office. Because there is a railroad junction, the additional trains heard by Bremer may be accounted for. The planes from White Water, which were very active throughout the winter, could very easily have flown over Milton and, further, the factory whistle and bell sounds may also be located at Milton. In this connection, one of the characteristics at White Water is the fact that the factory whistle of the Libbey, McNeil and Libbey condensary blows in the morning and afternoon only, and does not blow for the noon hour, which is unusual and which is mentioned by Mr. Bremer in his statement to Inspector Borer.

In considering the sounds heard and the description of the house furnished by Mr. Bremer, Agents should not be guided strictly by these sounds and descriptions, but should make full allowances for alteration.

The Chicago Office is preparing photostatic copies from the plat book loaned Agents by Mr. Brown and when these photostatic copies are received at the Division I will prepare the memorandum, as above stated.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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I read with great interest Hr. Herby's memorandum of April 21, 1934, covering the efforts he made to locate the Bremer hideout, and I wish that Hr. Herby would follow up in detail his ideas about this matter. It would appear that he has made some real progress toward the location of this hide-out, and I think that all leeds in this investigation should be vigorously followed out. Very truly yours, ± 1/3 24 1934 ★ VICTOR OF INVESTIGATION,

Suite L Federal Building Kenses City, Kissouri. April 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, ₹ 0 Box 1276. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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I G 1218, ET AL EDYARD GRORGE BREGGE - Victim (Kidnaping.

Lindly refer to letter from Inspector R. H. Clegg dated at St. Paul, Kinnesota, pril,20, 1934, to your office relative to Phoenix Consid, alies William vever, and other alieses, whose location is desired by the Division for questioning in the above captioned

There is being forwarded berewith the original of a letter received from Sheriff L. C. Langston, Salem, Arkanses, requesting a photograph and a record of "Felix Coneld."

Apparently the latter mentioned man in the same individual known to this office under the name of Wn. W. aver. The letter is being transmitted to you for reply and appropriate attention, so reply having been made thereto by this office.

You are advised that this office has no record in its isdices concerning one "Felix Donald," and hence in the event Sheriff" Lengston is not referring to Seaver, it is suggested that you refer him to the Division at Rashington for the information he desires.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY BREGIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR
FULTON COUNTY
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April 20, 1934.

Division of Investigation U.S.Department of Justice Kanses City, Mo.

Deer Sirs:

If you have a picture and record of one Felix Donald, please send same to me.

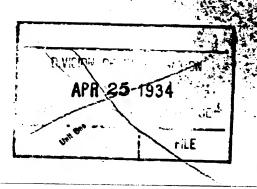
Yours truly,

(Signed) L. G. Lengston
Sheriff and Collector

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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 503-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah. RECORDED

Dear Sir:

318 Hewes Building San Francisco, California.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY J. FRISCH - Victim Kidnaping.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I.O. 1219, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREEZER - Victim o Kidnaping.

For your information, several people were interviewed at Reno on the Frisch case the last day or two Agent was there. However, no information of value was obtained, the information being all opinions and generalities.

In order to clear your records, agent Gere and I interviewed one Dutch Larson, who runs a beer and gambling place on Commercial Row, just around the corner from the Bank Club. We also interviewed Talmadge Smith, former Assistant U. S. Attorney, and his secretary, also the father of Smith's secretary. Kr. Talmadge Smith is very much interested, but he has no definite information, and will keep your office advised if he hears anything in connection with this case. The information furnished gave no indication at all that it bore either directly or indirectly on the Frisch case.

May I suggest, however, that then an Agent is next in Reno, in the course of ordinary duty, that he interview one Cal Proskey, who is reported to live on California Avenue in Reno. I understood from assistent U. S. Attorney Talmadge Smith, that this individual might have some information on the Frisch case.

In addition, it connection with the Bremer case, I have just learned that a Dr. M. R. Walker, who has his office on the Third

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Floor of the Ircade Building in Reno, is reported to have rented his house for time ago to four men, who left quite some time ago. However, after they had rented the house, he learned that these men were apparently gangsters. There may be nothing to this report, but I suggest that Dr. Walker be interviewed when an Agent is next in Reno to see if per chance he can recognize the photographs of any of the Bremer kidnapers.

For your confidential information, Assistant U. S. Attorney Talmadge Smith has a close personal friend by the name of Clyde Beecher. Beecher controls most of the slot machines in Reno and knows Al Capone personally, and is endeavoring to do some work on the Frisch case. I have met Mr. Beecher and had quite a talk with him. He has no definite information, but frankly states that if there is any indication that Graham and McKay are mixed up in the disappearance of Frisch, and any harm has come to Frisch, that Beecher and his group will positively take Graham, EcKay and all their associates for a "ride".

When an Agent next interviews Talmadge Smith, I suggest that he inquire as to whether Beecher has secured any additional information, and, if perchance you go to Reno some time in the near future, I suggest that you make friends with this man Beecher, because I believe he will make a valuable informant for you, because he knows practically everyone in Reno and frankly knows how everything is operated. He admits a pay-off, confidentially, in order to place his slot machines in Reno.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge,

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of said names or automobiles should come to the attention of his office, he would immediately communicate with the Charlotte Office.

The writer interviewed Mr. A. L. Werd, Assistant Director, State Highway Patrol, Columbia, South Carolina, and requested him to make a search of his records, both with regard to the names of Subjects and motor numbers. Mr. Ward advised that a search resulted in no pertinent information, but stated that wanted notices will be maintained in his files, and that in the event any of these persons or automobiles should come to the attention of his Bureau, he would immediately communicate with this office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER Division of Investigation " Al. S. Department of Justice \_\_\_\_ Mashington, D. C. April 10, 1934. MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. There is attached hereto a memorandum covering one of the many extortion cases resulting from the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, wherein an arrest was made at St. Louis, Missouri, yesterday, April 9, 1934, by Special Agents of this Livision. Respectfully, Enclosure #635507 MR. TOLSON ... MR. CLEGG.... MR. QUINN ..... CHIEF CLERK ... MR. RORER ... RECORDED APR 27 1024 DASTE SE PARE CHION '634 3.M. U. S. EEF. A JUSTICE

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah. April 20, 1934.

PERSONAL & CONFI Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On April 19, 1934, a letter dated April 17th, 1934, was received from Special Agent S.L. Fortenberry, from Reno, Nevada, making known that he is stopping at the El Cortez Hotel, Reno, Nevada, where he is occupying room 512. He can be reached at that hotel by calling Reno, Nevada, Telephone No. 5118. Since you are no doubt aware of the name under which he is registered and operating there, I will not take occasion to designate the name herein.

It is probable that this information has been furnished you direct by Agent Fortenberry, or through the St. Paul Division office, but since Agent Fortenberry does not indicate in his letter to me that you have been furnished this information, I deem it advisable to tender it to you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD. Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 503-A U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

> RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1934, concerning the advisability of detailing a suitable number of undercover Agents/at Remo, Nevada for the purpose of determining if and when one or more of the subjects involved in the above entitled case returns to Reno.

In the event you have not already been so advised, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry has been assigned as an undercover Agent at Reno, Newada, having arrived there on April 14, 1934, and is stopping of the El Cortez Hotel, 239 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, under the name of F. T. Berry. He can be reached by telephone at Reno 5118, and in the event you have occasion to send anything to him by mail, he should be addressed as F. T. Berry /c/o General Delivery, Reno, Nevada, using only plain envelopes without any identifying marks to indicate a connection with the Federal Government.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-31-34 J. M. BAKER 4-24-34 St. Louis, To. 4-11-&-19-34 MILE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218. ARTHUR R. CHARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al. MINARD GEORGE BRELER - VICTIM SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted at Quincy, Ill., home of C. E. Moore, and all persons interviewed who knew this party. spoke highly of him and stated that he was of good reputation and character in and around Quincy, Ill. All 39 employees Roberts Bros. Mens Clothing Store, Springfield, Ill. unable to identify photographs of suspects in this case as customers or purchasers of shirts in question. Former Sheriff Winslow, Kirksville, Mo. and W. W. Matkins Wabash R.R. detective, Moberly, Mo. have no information concerning Karpis except that developed during investigation of murder of officer Rose by Lawrence DeWol. St. Paul Division Office letter dated March 23, 1934 directed to Salt Lake City Office. St. Paul Division Office letter dated March 6, directed to Kansas City Office. Reports of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, Illi nois, dated 2-22-34, and Special Agent R. C. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 4-5-34. Special Agent G. B. Norris, of the St. Louis Office, inter wiewed Abe Roberts, Manager of the Roberts Brothers Mens Clothing Store in Springfield, Illinois, who stated that his store purchased the twenty one Cluett Peabody shirts, No. K-2419 Park C, from the Cluett Peabody Company of Chicago, Illinois on 12-29-33, and still have some of these shirts in stock. Mr. Abe Roberts and all of the employees of his store S - Division 5 - 6t. Paul - Kansas City - Chicago . St. Louis

viewed the photographs of the suspects in this case, and stated that they were unable to identify any of the said suspects as customers of the store or purchasers of said shirts.

It should be noted that Roberts Brothers Store is regarded as a high class mens furnishing store in Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Bion J. Roberts, 1008 Nirth Eighth Street, Springfield, Illinois, stated that the only merchandise purchased by her family from the National Bellas Hess Company of Kansas City, Missouri, were some curtains which were ordered by her from the catalog of said company on or about January 7, 1933; that the price of these curtains was \$1.00. Bion J. Roberts has been an employee of the Illinois Watch Factory, Springfield, Illinois, until recently when this factory was closed. He was not available for interview at the time Agent Norris made this investigation.

Concerning the allegation that Former Sheriff Joe Winslow of Kirksville, Missouri, and Wabash Railroad Detective W. W. Matkins, Moberly, Missouri, possessed information concerning the Karpis Barker Gang and Clarence and Lawrence DeVol, it is stated that upon interview by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, of this Office, former Sheriff Joe Winslow advised that he has no information congerning the Karpis Barker Gang except that he believes Lawrence DeVol, who murdered night Marshal John Rose in Kirksville, Missouri several years ago, was an associate of the Karpis Barker Gang. Joe Winslow added that when Lawrence DeVol was arrested in Minneapolis, Minnesota, former State's Attorney Roland A. Zeiger went to Minneapolis, viewed DeVol, and returned to Kirksville, Missouri satisfied that Lawrence DeVol was the murderer of Officer John Rose. Former Sheriff Joe Winslow then referred Agent in to former State's Attorney Roland A. Zeigel, 701 East Jefferson 🕞 Street, Kirksville, Missouri, for possible additional information,

Upon interview Roland A. Zeigel, Attorney, Kirksville, Missouri, advised Agent that Lawrence DeVol murdered Night Marshal John Rose in Kirksville, Missouri on November 17, 1930 at a local filling station; that during the investigation concerning the murder of Marshal Rose, a Railway Express shippers receipt was found in the automobile used by Lawrence DeVol at the time of the murder. This Railway Express shippers receipt bore No. 511, and indicated that the shipment had been consigned to Mrs. P. H. Newbeld, 1141

Trancisco Avenue, (Rear Apartment) Chicago, Illinois, under Mate of November 11, 1930 by an individual using the name of E. E. Harris, St. Paul, Minnesota. This original Railway Express shippers receipt is now in the possession of Mr. Zeigel at Kirksville, Missouri. On November 11, 1930, according to information supplied by Mr. Zeigel, Lawrence DeVol was in Moberly, Missouri, on which date he shipped a trunk to St. Paul, Minnesota from Moberly, Missouri, using the name of S. E. Mason.

Mr. Zeigel permitted Agent access to his file in connection with the murder of Marshal Rose, the same containing considerable correspondence between Mr. Zeigel and the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, as well as correspondence between J. A. Bridges, Lock Box 85, West Plains, Missouri, former Chief Of Police at that point, with the Kansas City Division Office. Relative to the correspondence between the States Attorney's Office at Kirksville, Missouri, and J. A. Bridges, the latter stated on August 4, 1932 that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis ware wanted by the City of West Plains, Missouri. In this connection Mr. Bridges states that an individual by the name of Albert L. Garde, Lock Box 2710, Station J, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had written several letters to him advising that he was positive from the photographs of Karpis and Barker and DeVol that all three were then in the same apartment that he resided in. At this point, it is stated in Mr. Bridges letter that Albert L. Garde was highly interested in the remard offered for Karpis, Barker and DeVol. In a postscript of Mr. Bridges letter, he states, "You remember Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis killed our Sheriff here last December 19th and Lawrence DeVol is a running mate of these boys." On December 24, 1932 Mr. Bridges directed another letter to the State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri, in which he states, "In regard to Alvin Karpis. No we did not get him. There was a mistake in his identification by the Bay City, Michigan police. We have no later trace of him since last April when he and Barker got away from the Minneapolis police, after they 😓 killed Barkers own Step-daddy, old man Dumlop." Concerning the apprehension of Lawrence DeVol at Minneapolis, the following is quoted from Mr. Bridges letter, "We are glad they got O'Keefe . " (alias of Lawrence DeVol) as we feel like it is just one more of a Karpis pals.

Concerning the shipment referred to above made by B. E. Harris via the American Express on November 11, 1930 from St. Paul, Minnesota to 1141 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,

Chicago Police advised Sheriff Winslow by letter, under date November 17, 1930, that an investigation had been made and 🥳 he Chicago Police ascertained that 1141 North Francisco Avenue Chicago, Illineis is the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Appendix Philip Newbald. Mrs. Newbald advised that the trunk shipped by B. I. Harris had arrived and had contained presents for her hasband, herself, and child, Betty Jane, y years of age. She further stated that B. E. Harris is otherwise known to her as Larry 😹 🐑 O'Keefe, alies Lawrence Devol, and that his right name is DeVol; further that his mother resided at 720 Richwood Street, Morgantown, West Virginia. Mrs. Newbald then stated that her brother Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, No. 7071, Hutchinson, Kansas, had been an associate of DeVol's in the above and named institution, from which both excaped at one time. The Chicago Police also ascertained that DeVol frequented the Berkshire Arms Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kenesaw Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and often corresponded with one Harry Allen of the Berkshire Arms Hotel, and associated with an individual known as "Wop", an Italian. Mrs. Newbeld further stated that DeVol, & when in trouble, was represented in Kansas City, Missouri by an attorney known as Buddy Anderson, and at Miami, Oklahoma by the law firm of Common and Common.

State's Attorney Zeigel then advised that at the present time Lawrence DeVol, with aliases, is confined in the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, Minnesota, serving three life sentences for murder, and that on numerous occasions has been contacted but refuses to divulge any information whatsoever.

Upon interview W. W. Matkins, a railroad detective, Wabash Railroad, Moberly, Missouri, he advised agent Yearsley that he possessed no information concerning the Karpis Barker Gang other than that contained in the State's Attorney's file at Kirksville, Missouri, inasmuch as his interest was only in the murder of Marshal Rose, but incidental thereto the name of the Karpis Barker Gang entered into the investigation occasionally.

Agent obtained from State's Attorney Zeigel one full length photograph of Lawrence DeVol and Alvin Karpis, also a half length photograph of these two individuals, which photographs are being forwarded to the Division by letter, requesting that sopies thereof be made and forwarded to the St. Louis Division Office, together with originals in order that they may be

returned to State's Attorney Zeigel at Kirksville, Missouri.

westigation at Chicago, Illinois or other addresses supplied by Mr. Zeigel, as the investigation desired is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

Interview was had with Albert B. Schwarte, city mail carrier, 1114 Jersy Street, Quincy, Illinois, who stated he has known C. E. Moore of 1428 Elm Street, Quincy, for about four years, during which time Mr. Schwarte has been delivering mail to that address. He states Mr. Moore has been operating a Standard Oil Company filling station at Twelfth and Chestnut Street, Quincy, during the time he has been carrying mail on that route. Mr. Schwarte states that he never heard of Mr. Moore being involved in any kind of trouble, and never heard of any complaint about Mr. Moore's conduct. He stated that Mr. Moore associates with a good class of people, and that his reputation was good, as far as he, Mr. Schwarte, knows. Mr. Schwarte informed agent that Clarence, Missouri is the home town of C. E. Moore, and that Moore frequently visits there, but that he never heard of Moore leaving Quincy to go to any other place for any length of time.

Agent interviewed Walter Wich, retired mail carrier, 617 Chestnut Street, Quincy, Illinois, who stated that he has known C. E. Moore, 1428 Elm Street, Quincy, for about eight or ten years. He states that Mr. Moore has a good reputation, is respected in the city of Quincy, and associates with a good class of people. He stated that he never heard of Mr. Moore being involved in any kind of trouble and never heard of any complaints regarding Mr. Moore's conduct.

The Sheriff's Office at Quincy, Illinois was contacted, but no one there was acquainted with C. E. Moore, so no information could be obtained.

Agent interviewed H. J. Swope, postmaster of Quincy, and he informed agent that he did not know C. R. Moore, so no information could be obtained from him.

Interview was had with J. A. Connery, Chief of Police, Quincy, Illinois, and he stated that he did not know C. E. Moore. He informed agent that he would endeavor to find out something definite about Mr. Moore during the time agent was in Quincy. Later during the day he stated that he had made inquiries concerning C. E. Moore and that he found Mr. Moore's reputation and sharacter to be good, and that no complaint or objection had been made regarding Mr. Moore's conduct, as far as he knew.

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at his station in about January or February of this year, bu that the lady to whom he referred was undoubtedly much heavier than tate Barker. The lady he had in mind stopped at his place about January or February, 1934 in a 1928 Chevrolet coupe, faded green in color, There was an elderly Jewish man with her to whom she referred as her husband. A dog was also in the car. About two weeks after this, the same people again drove in for gasoline and the same car at this time was painted a pretty blue. He remembered them as having been there before and remarked regarding the paint job on the car. The lady said that she had a relative who was employed in some filling station or garage in Chicago and that he had had the car painted for her while she was visiting there. In addition to the dog these people had with them on the return trip two cats which were in a box. The lady remarked that they were going to Wisconsin Dells near which place they resided. The lady, according to Lasch, was "a nice old lady", over fifty years old, short and fat, weighing much more than 160 pounds. The man was about the same age, but Lasch was unable to give a more detailed description of him. Lasch recognized none of the other photographs shown to him, and the other two men interviewed saw in them no likeness of anyone who had called at the place during their numerous and lengthy visits there.

Lasch mentioned one other suspicious incident which occurred at his place which is being set out here as a matter of record. He said that in about September, 1933, a man about 30 years old, weighing about 150 to 160 pounds, and about 5 feet 10 inches tall, being of slim build, and a girl of about the same age, drove up in an Auburn eight cylinder car on which they had a flat tire, which Lasch fixed. The car was of a tan color with green fenders, and had wire wheels. He does not recall the license plate as to state of issue or number. A few days later this same man returned with two other men, but not the girl, and was this time driving an Auburn with wire wheels, 12 cylinders, which he thinks was all tan in color. Gas was purchased at this time. The other two men were about the same age as the first man mentioned, but appeared to be a little shorter, and one was a little heavier. During this same month, namely about September, 1933, Lasch says that he saw these men pass his station several times, but they never again stopped. He has not seen them since. He could not say that any of the men mentioned answered the descriptions of or resembled any of the suspects herein, but it is reported on inview of the Auburn 12 cylinder car, it appearing that the principal suspects having at one time possessed such a car.

None of the individuals here interviewed could supply any other interviewed could supp



Similar inquiry as above was made at John A. Abbot's store and filling station on United States Highway Number 12, at the cross-roads known as Como, 4 miles northwest of Lake Geneva and 6 miles southeast of Elkhorn, and also at the combination eating place, filling station, and automobile repair shop of John A. Mitchell, located at the same crossroads, as well as at the North Geneva Highlands Tavern and Sheel Casoline station, two miles north of Lake Geneva. No results were obtained except that John A. Mitchell said that the photograph of Volney Davis seemed to resemble someone he had seen but he could not recall where, when, or under what circumstances.

### At Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Similar detailed investigation was made at the following gasoline stations where all attendants were interviewed without results:

Cities Service, George & Williams Streets

Evelyn's Phillips 66 Station, 619 Williams Street

The Texaco Station, Williams and North Streets

At Cambini's store and Filling station, 914 Williams Street, Mr. Gambini and his wife, the only persons employed there, were interviewed. Mr. Gambini thought that the photograph of Fred Barker resembled a man who had been in a truck with the driver thereof some months ago which stopped for gasoline. This man had said that he was on his way to St. Louis and had caught a ride on the highway with the truck driver. Mr. Gambini does not know who the truck driver is nor where he might be located, as he had only stopped on two occasions at Gambini's place.

Two employees at The Shell gasoline station at Williams and Ann Streets were contacted, and one, Eugene Day, recalled that in January or February, 1934, some man drove in one evening and wanted a can and fixe gallons of gasoline therein, saying that he was driving all night and might not find gasoline stations open along the route. Mr. Day did not supply the can nor the gasoline and can not recall a description of the individual nor of the car other than the latter probably was a sedan. He said that he could identify no one among the photos of the suspects this man.

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Through interviews with the postmaster, the superintendent of the city water company, the secretary of the fire department and a Lutheran and Methodist minister, it was ascertained that there is no stationary siren of any kind in or near Lake Geneva, the fire department using an air whistle which is sounded only for fires and maybe once or twice during a winter during a sleet storm to see if the ice may have stopped it up; that there is no steam whistle blown within or near the city other than on trains; that the Evangelical Lutheran Church rings its bell every Saturday between 5 and 6 P.M. and also on Sunday mornings at 9:15, 10:00, 11:05, and 11:10, and also at 12:15 P.M.; and that there are four churches which have bells in the city besides this Lutheran church bell, but which are rung only for Sunday morning services.

The secretary of the fire department also advised that his records showed fire calls on January 23, 27, and 30, 1934, at which time the air whistle would have been sounded, but the records he has do not give the time of day the fires occurred.

C. O. O'Neill, superintendent of the city water department, J. O'Neill and E. O. O'Neill, water meter readers for the city water department, W. J. O'Neill, gas fitting contractor who says that he has installed gas equipment in practically every building supplied with this form of fuel in southeastern Walworth County, and city mail carriers F. Boutelle, W. Chambers, and E. Niles, were all contacted and the hideout description carefully gone over with them. Photographs of all suspects were exhibited, and with the mail carriers the suspects true names and aliases were gone over. No results were obtained. All will bear the matter in mind and will notify the Chicago Division office of anything they may learn which will be of interest.

From J. D. Mahoney, station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, it was learned that there are six trains daily, except Sundays, which pass through Lake Geneva, all making stops in that city. Four of these trains are passenger trains and two are freights. The only switching is that done by the two daily freights which engage in approximately onehalf hour each of such activity each day. The Chicago & Northwestern is the only railroad into Lake Geneva, the next nearest, according to Mr. Mahoney, being three miles away. The schedule of Chicago & Northwestern trains into Lake Geneva is as follows:

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Passenger,	daily except Sunday	-	7:40 A.M.
Passenger,		-	2:25 P.M.
Freight,	• • •	_	4:00 P.M.
Passenger,	Sunday only	-	4:20 P.M.

M. C. Kennison and his wife, who operate a small eating the nature of a hamburger and root beer place, 622 Williams Street fire Interviewed and shown photographs of all suspects. This place on United States Highway Number 12 as it passes through Lake Geneva and is passed by one coming from the north and west on this highway before the business district of the city itself is reached. The Kennisons stated that a mort time before Christmas, 1933, a short slim man came into their place between 11 and 12 P.M., having driven a car up to the curb in front and parked there, the car facing in a direction indicating that the man had driven up after having come into the town on United States Highway Number 12 from the northwest. They estimated that this man was between 28 and 32 years old, and wore a dark colored overcoat. They could not state whether he wore a cap or hat. The Kennisons advised that they have only a very small bill of fare and the man asked for several things they did not have, indicating he might be stalling for time. They became suspicious of him because of this and also because he "looked hard". The man said that he had only ten pennies. He finally ordered a roll and coffee and Kr. Kennison thought that he meant a sweet roll which they did not have. The man then pointed to Ralph C. Diehl of the Lake Shore Garage in Lake Geneva who was also sitting at the small counter and said, "He has a roll." This was an ordinary hamburger roll and Mr. Kennison served the man one together with a cup of coffee. The man paid with the ten pennies he said that he had. Mrs. Kennison says that she was almost constantly near the front windows of the place and noticed that the car parked in front was left running during the entire time that the man was in her place, which was for approximately 30 minutes. She thinks the car was a Ford and probably a sedan, but could give no idea as to what year model the car might be. She did notice, however, that the car carried Ohio license plates. She was able to see this because of the bright light that illuminates the front of this eating place. This man had considerable conversation with Mr. Diehl, who was the only other individual in the place, and said that he was from Denver. No other parts of his con-versation are recalled. Both the Kennisons and Diehl were afraid that this man intended to hold them up. When the photographs of the suspects in this case were shown to them, both Mr. and Mrs. Kennison stated that Fred Barker "looks an awful lot like him". This is interesting because they described the individual who called at their place as short and thin, and driving a Ford car with Ohio license plates. None of the other photographs were recognized by the Kennisons.

The Kennisons related another suspicious incident stating that on last New Year's eve a large dark colored sedan drove into the driveway adjacent to their place about seven o'clock in the evening and there were 5 or 6 men in it. Only one came in at first for something to eat and the others gradually drifted in, but they were not all in the place at the same time. The first man to come in never took his hand out of his left over the coat pocket, even while eating, and the Kennisons were of the opinion that he carried a gun therein. These men were in again a few weeks later and had the same tactics in eating. They could not identify any of the suspects' photographs as being these individuals.

Ralph C. Diehl, Lake Shore Garage, was shown the photograph fall suspects before any mention was made of the incident related the Kennisons. He studied them at great length at Agent's request, said that he recognized none of them as anyone whom he had previously seen. He added, however, that he is very poor at remembering faces, oftentimes seeing an individual one day and not being able to recollect him the following day. Agent then reminded Mr. Diehl of the night he was at Kennisons as above described and he remembered it as being similar to Kennison's description of it. He described the suspicious stranger as being slim, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, having a dark complexion, and odd set eyes. Diehl said this occurred one night during December of 1933. Diehl said that he feared a hold-up and engaged the man in conversation feeling that if an acquaintanceship was struck up the man might be deterred in his robbery intentions, if he had any such intentions. He recalls the man saying he was from Minnesota or Denver, but remembers nothing else of the conversation. Diehl did not see the car as he was in Kennison's place when the individual came in, and remained there until after he left. Shortly before this man went out Harold Nish, a milk peddler, came in for something to eat and talked about having been coon hunting with a Mr. Hopkins, a trapper from Lake Geneva. Diehl again studied the pictures shown him by Agent but said that one of them might or might not be the individual who came into Kennisons the night in question.

Agent contacted Harold Nish at his home on Pleasant Street and he stated that he recalled the incident above referred to but could not fix the date other than it probably was in December of 1933. He felt that Mr. Hopkins, the trapper, whom this Agent knows, might be able to fix the exact date in view of the coon hunt that night. However, Agent, was called away from Lake Gensa before Mr. Hopkins could be interviewed on this matter and he will be seen when Agent returns there. Nish says that when he came into Kennisons on this night the man above mentioned was standing by the small stove in front of the counter, apparently having finished his eating, and left within a few minutes after Nish's arrival. Mr. Nish, however, saw him and described him as being about 5 feet 4 inches tall, quite thin, about 35 years old, and wearing a dark gray overcoat and cap. Nish did not notice the car out in front. The pictures of suspects were shown to Mr. Nish but he could recognize none of them, saying that Fred Barker could have been the man, but he could not say with any certainty as he saw the stranger only for such a very short time, and then the man had his coat collar upand his cap pulled down as though ready to go outside and merely getting a little warmth at the stove before going.

In connection with this stranger letting his motor run which was inside eating, the Kennisons said that they could not recall the state extremely cold that night, although they think there was from the windows of their place. It might be that the motor was left running because of the temperature outside, although no motor which was warm long driving would freeze or become difficult to start by only a thirty minutes stop.

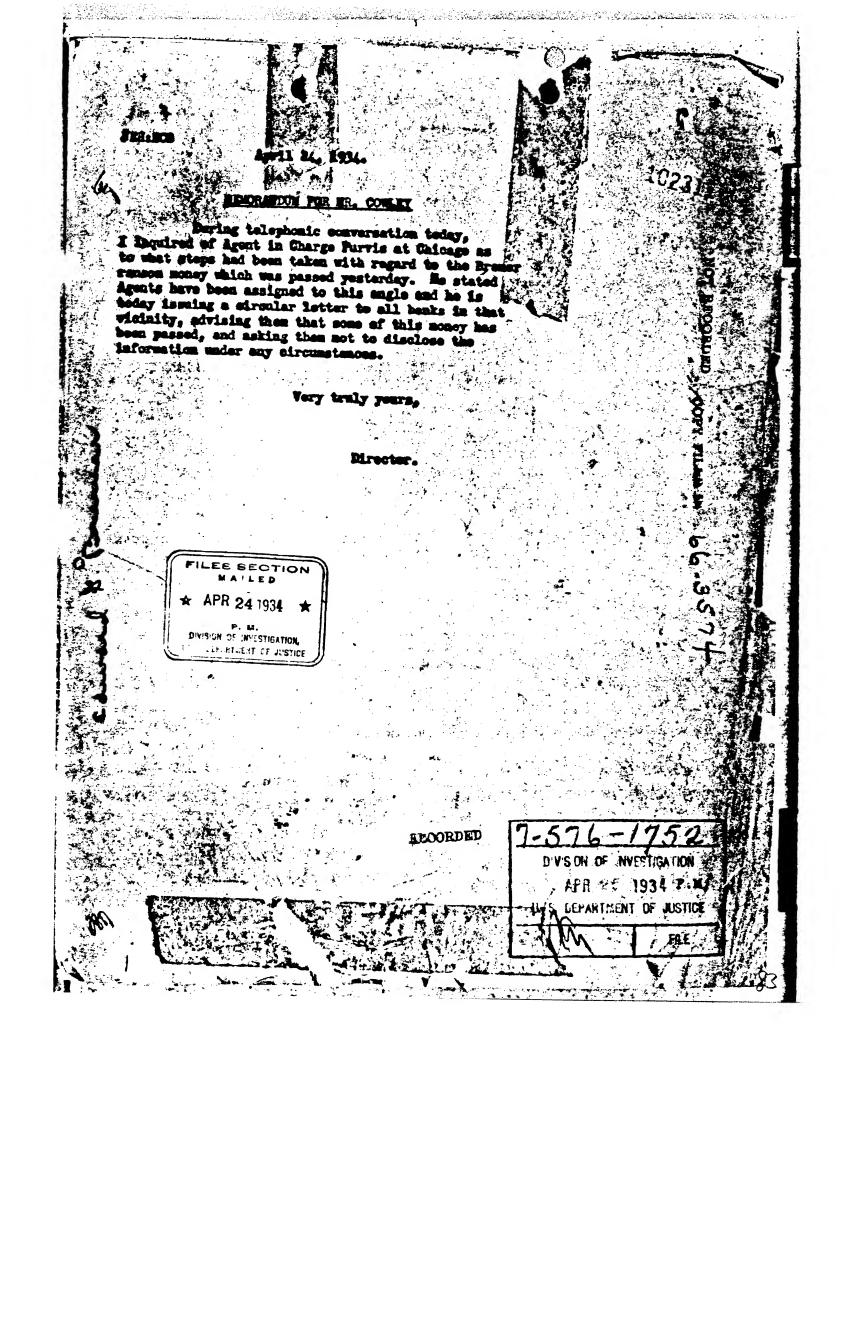
### At Elkhorn, Wisconson.

Deputy Sheriff Cecil Gardner advised Agent of having stopped at a gasoline filling station near Bristol, Wisconsin, some time ago and having the attendant tell about a woman who used to come in at night for gasoline and oil, and whose activities were of a suspicious nature. Deputy Sheriff Gardner accompanied Agent to this station, which is operated by Mr. O. E. Harrison, at the corner of State highways Number 50 and 75, and one-half mile north of Bristol. This filling station handles Phillips 66 products. Mr. Harrison said that in about June of 1933 one man and sometimes two began coming to his place for gasoline and oil, quite regularly in the evenings. Sometimes they drove a Cadillac sedan and sometimes a Ford roadster, model K. Occasionally they had on Wisconsin plates, at other times Illinois plates, and sometimes none at all. These men said that they lived at Paddocks Lake which is only a mile or so distant. Later a woman began coming to Harrison's station in an old Studebaker sedan and from her conversation he gathered that she was in some way connected with the two men mentioned and was the wife of one of them. She often carried gasoline away with her in a five gallon round red can. Er. Harrison last saw any of these individuals about Labor Day of 1933. The girl at one time mentioned that she wanted to go to Chicago for the winter but that her husband wanted to stay at the lake and drive back and forth to Chicago, apparently to his work. One of the men referred to at one time bought some gasoline and gave a large denomination bill in payment, telling Mr. Harrison to keep the change. Mr. Harrison described one man as short and chubby, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 180 pounds, about 35 years old, and an American. The other man he described as being tall and stout, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds, about 35 years old, and an American. The girl he described as medium slender, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, 110 pounds, about 22 or 23 years old, dark complexion, and bobbed hair. Mr. Harrison examined the pictures of all suspects but said that none of them even slightly resembled the individuals to whom he referred.

Mr. Harrison apparently had been interviewed on a previous occasion by some local officials in connection with the Hamm hideout, and said that he had since thought of a place that seemed to fit the description quite accurately. He mentioned the location of the place which is near Genoa City, Wisconsin, and Deputy Sheriff Gardner said that he knew exactly where it was because a number of years ago it had belonged to his aunt. He said there was no running water in the place then but it might have been installed at a later date. In view of the possible connection of the Hamm hideout with the one involved in this case, Agent and Deputy Sheriff Gardner drove to the place mentioned by Mr.

Harrison and examined it inside and out. It is now owned by one, Joe Zanaeto, according to two workers who were found at the place. It is a farm home located one mile northeast of United States Highway Number 12 and one and one-half miles northeast of Genoa City, Wisconsin. It is an old frame house of quite large proportions and with many rooms on the first and second floors. The basement is but one large room not extending under the entire house, has unfinished stone walls and is used only for the furnace and storage of coal, vegetables, etc. There is no plumbing anywhere in the house, no toilets or bath tubs. Water is carried in from a nearby well. Although all of the rooms above the basement are papered, none are of the design seen in the hideout, nor has any of the paper now on the walls been recently applied. Most of the rooms are unfurnished and the place is very dirty. It is occupied by two men who claim to be doing the farm work for the owner who resides in Chicago.

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### H. S. Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Drawer 1457, St. Louis, Missouri, April 24, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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There are transmitted herewith one fulllength and one half-length photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City Police Department No. 17902, and Lawrence Devalt, Kansas City Police Department No. 17901, it being requested that copies be made of these photographs and forwarded to the St. Louis Division Office with the originals thereof, in order that the latter may be returned to Roland A. Zeigel, former State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri.

These photographs are being submitted to the Division in order that the same may be incorporated in the Division files.

Very truly yours,

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I. F. Jeafsley, Acting, Special Agent in Charge.

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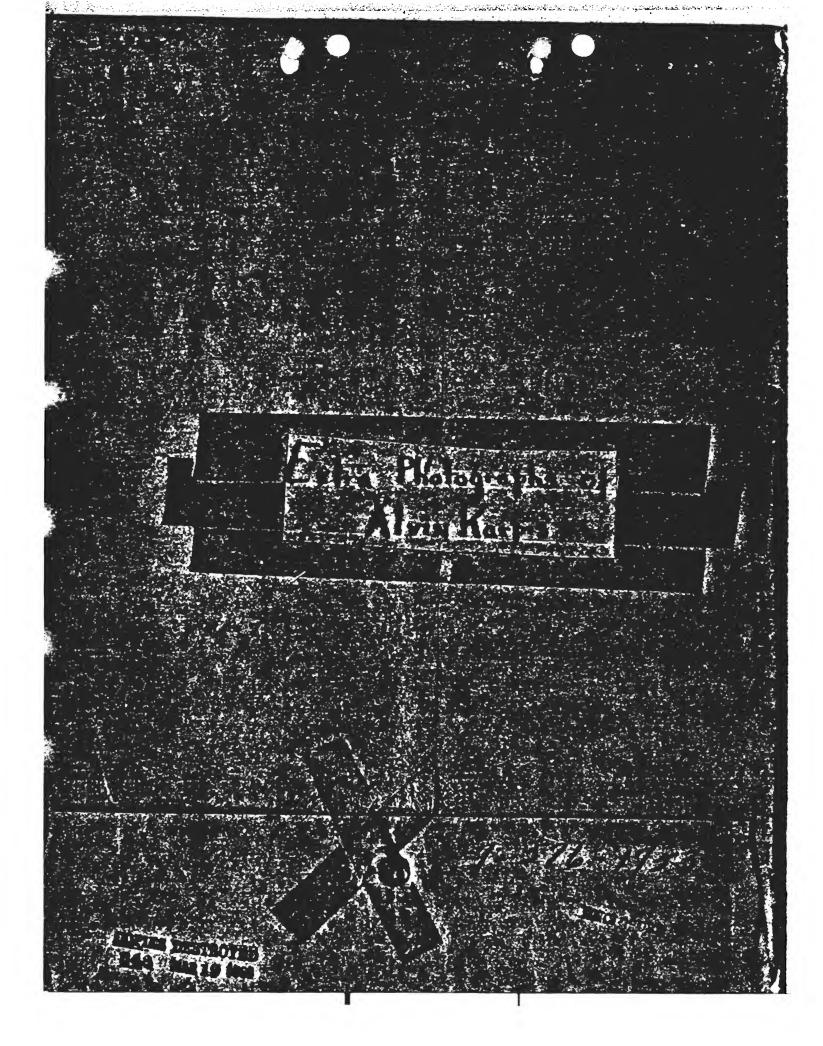
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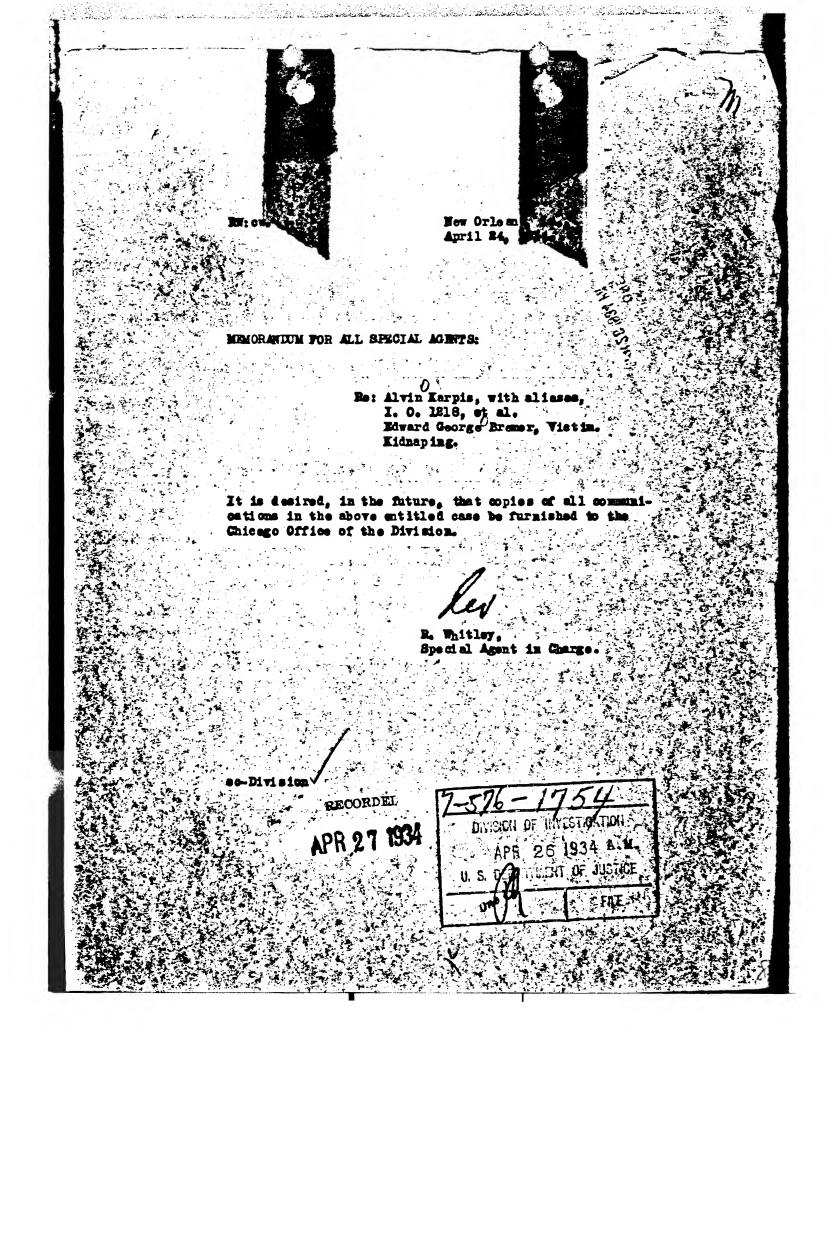








RECORD pecial Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. Post Office Box 1457, St. Louis, Missourie Dear Mire There are returned herevith the full length and half length photographs of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department \$17902, and Lawrence Devalt alias Leonard B. Carson alias Leonard O'Keffe, Kensas City, Missouri Police Department \$17901, to be returned to Roland A. Zeigel, ferner State's Attorney at Kirksville, Missouri, from whom the photographs were borreved. Several copies of each of these photographs are being furnished to each of the offices indicated below, with a copy of this letter. There is also enclosed with each copy of this letter a photographic shart of the signatures of the five principal members of the Barker-Karpis gang, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit. Yery truly yours, FILES SECTION P. CC Inspector Rever (St. Paul) Directore DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Salt Lake City San Francisco Ballas Sen Antonio Oklabene Olte IL Pain Sor Angeles Detroit



esial Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1216 Smith-Young Tower Building, San Antonio, Texas.

> RE: ALVIE KARPIS, with eliases, Identification Order 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with alieses, Identification Order 1219, et al, MOWARD GEORGE BREAFR, Victim, KIDNAPING.

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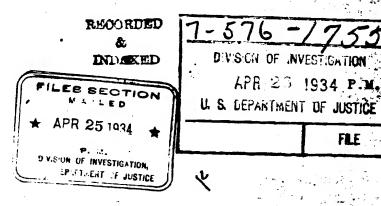
In connection with the above entitled case you recently obtained photographs of Paulay Harmon and furnished copies of a composite photostat arrangement of these photographs to all Division offices.

You are requested to obtain the originals of these photographs and furnish them to the Division so that photographic copies of same can be prepared and likewise furnished all Division offices. It is possible that in this way a clear photograph can be obtained of Paula Harmon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul.



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April 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, W. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Benkers' Building, Chicago, Illineis.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with eliases,
Identification Order 1218,
ARTHUR R.OBARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al,
RDBARD GEORGE BREHER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

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In view of the contacts which Louis Cernocky, omer and eperator of the Grystal Baliroom at Fex Miver Grove, Illinois, has with prominent members of the criminal undersorld, and in view of The information already faint shed by Elmer Kucera, of the Fex River Grove Will Enter Company, it is suggested that in developing the sontact which the Division now has with Kucera he be paid on we will appropriate sum of soney, as a confidential informent, and that he be further requested to promptly report to the Mivision, in a menner so as not to arouse the suspicions of residents at Fox River Greve, all activities observed by him at Louis Carmocky's place, and house especially to report the return of those individuals who have apparently been identified as the subjects under investigation in connection with this case.

You are instructed to give this matter your personal

Very truly yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 25, 1934

Special igent in Charge, Division of Investigation, W. S. Department of Justice, Suite L, Federal Building. Kansas Cityk Missouri.

> BR: ALVIN KARPIS, with alleses, Identification Order 1218, ARTHUR R. GBARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al, MORARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, MIDNAPING.

Dear Birs

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. Y. Murphy, dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 23, 1934, wherein it is noted that Henry/Hull, innate #73166, Harlen State Prison Farm, Richmond, Texas, a former associate of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, stated that JackyClyan is a contact for this gang and is the one who was instrumental in obtaining paroles for Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis from the Oklahome State Penitentiary, Mollester, Oklahoma. Glynn's name has been frequently mentioned by other sources for the past several years and, therefore, every effort should be made to obtain as much detailed information concerning the activities of Glynn as is possible.

It is suggested that there be developed at Leavenworth, Eansas a confidential source of information concerning the activities of Glynn, so that the Division may be kept advised at all times concerning his activities. The officials at the United States Penitentiary at Meavenworth, Kansas have in the past furnished some information concerning the activities of Glynn and it may be that they are in a position to furnish additional information at this time.

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OC Mr. Borer, St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

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April 25, 1934

Mr. H. H. Clegg, Division of Investigation, W. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota.

#### Bear Hr. Clarge

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated April 16, 1934, transmitting statements rendered by Special Agents O. G. Hall and E. H. Hotesteen, with reference to certain investigations made in connection with lock bexes 254 and 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, which investigations resulted in Post Office Inspector John Streich reporting certain irregularities on the part of the Agents aforementioned in that the contents of both lock bexes were erdered forwarded to General Delivery, St. Faul, Minnesota.

Atterney General, has been advised that Special Agents of this Division did, in fact, make the request on the Postmaster at White Bear Lake to forward the contents of the lock boxes to General Delivery, St. Paul, Hinnesota, and that the Agenta attached to the St. Paul Office of the Division have been cautioned against doing anything in connection with their investigations which will result in a violation of the Postal Lews and Regulations.

It is requested, therefore, that you call this matter to the attention of the Agents attached to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. Rorer, Inspector, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, . 205 Post Office Bldg., St. Peul, Minn.

Dear Sir:



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Beforring to letter from the Emmas City office to the St. Peul office dated April 4, 1934, wherein it was requested that the San Antonio Office obtain from Mrs. Margaret Mikuel, Houston, Taxas, a description of Madelyn Sayder.

Your attention is invited to report of Special Agent 8. 2. Davis of this office for March 26, 1934, in the instant case, wherein there was transmitted to your office and the Chicago office photograph of Madelyn Smyder, who is the wife of Jack Smyder, we want

It is not recalled whether a physical description was noted on this photograph or not, and I am quoting herewith her physical deceription as noted in the file of the Sen Antonio Police Department;

> S.A. Police #5130 Age: 80 Height: 5 feet 1 5/4 inches Weight: 97 lbs. (1929) / Hair: Ref. Complexion: Pair **EE**OOKUMU Build: Small b70 Occupation: Manieurist DIVICION OF INVESTIGATION Mativo: Virginia. 10 1934 A.M. Bayder, Sen Antonio Police No. 1114. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Division of Investigation, D. S. Department of Justice, APR 27 1934 St. Paul, Minnesota. Post Office Box 515,

Dear Sire

Res ALVIN EARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with alias, Identification Order 1219; EDRAND GIBBGE BRENER - Victim. Eldasping.

Reference is made to the letter of the San Antonia office dated April 7, 1934, addressed to you wherein the physical description of Madelym Snyder, wife of Jani Snyder, is set forth. There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record of this individual, and inarmuch as the files of the Identification Buit do not contain a photograph of her, the San Antonio effice and the Kensas City effice are also being furnished with a sopy of the abstract of criminal record with the request that photographs of this individual be obtained and forwarded to the Division is order to complote its files.

The Kenses City office should also escentain at the Pelice Department, Ousha, Hebraska, the circumstances surrounding the arrest of this individual as Medeline/Cayder, \$17073, on August 18, 1932, on a charge of investigation, and furnish the disposition of this arrest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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**Bivision of Investigation** M. S. Department of Instice Washington, B. C.

April 23, 1934.

O MR. NATHAN MR. TOLSON . MR. CLEGG.. MR. COWLEY. MR. EDWARDS. MR. EGAN. MR. QUINN CHIEF CLERK. MR. RORER.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Billings called from Chicago and advised that information had been received to the effect that some of the Bremer ransom money had been exchanged in Chicago; that \$1,000 was exchanged last week at the Uptown State Bank in fives, tens and twenties; that \$900 was exchanged at the same bank this morning and \$400 at another bank this morning; that the officials at the Uptown State Bank advised he had inquired there relative to opening an account; that they have not aroused the suspicions of the man passing this money and are of the belief that he will return. Agent Billings advised that the description of the man is weight 190 pounds, 40 years of age, 5'10" in height, very fair complexion, wears dark tortoise shell glasses, medium shade brown felt hat with rim turned down all around, light tan camel's hair coat, neat appearing, apparently an American, stocky build. Agent Billings advised that Agent Murphy has checked the money and that it has checked with the numbers of the Bremer ransom. Agent Billings advised that they have communicated with all of the banks putting them on their guard and inquired as to whether he should contact the police in an effort to have officers stationed in the banks. He was instructed not to contact the police but to have an Agent stationed at the Uptown State Bank for the time being. He will call the Division in the event any more of the Bremer money is exchanged.

Respectfully.

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Aty. Gen, Commings;

Ever since you classed Minneapolis and St/ Paul as crime centers there has been a lot of adverse comments here and when you refused to give facts to the Minneapolis grand jury everyone is saying you are talking through your hat. but here is some facts to prove you are right.

Every schoolkid in St/Paul knows the Glickmans and Glemans have bossed liquor, gambling, night clubs and politics in St. Paul over ten years! and many St. Paul police and politicians are partners with hem in nightclubs and joints and have taken so much graft from this Jew gang that they dont dare arrest and prosecute any criminal that stands in with the gang. This has bruoght in a lot of hard boiled thugs and racketteers and bank robbers and killers, but some big 6t. Paul business men say its good for business to have the town wide open, and when fellows like Hamm and Bremmer and Boehn who help to keep gangsters in town get kidnapped for a payoff it is only what they can expect.

In the last ten years the following murders have been committed by St. Paul gangsters in St/Paul or just outside where the police wont get the heat. 1923, Burt Stevens murdered in 3 downtown St. Paul by Gleemans who worked with Glickman even when Sam Glickman was in Levinworth. 1925 Babe LeVeau and Kitty Valencourt Greenway murdered in their boose joint at 436 Univerlty Av. for talking too much about the gang and politicians/ 1826. policeman Schmitt and Fallon murdered near Lexington and Oxford when Schmitt was called there to meet boose runners and Fallon didnt even know of his plans. Schmitt had a book list of boome and gambling joints and was getting his money from the crooks because he knew all bout the gang that was to be tried in Cleveland for conspiracy.

1927 Billy Barrets' wife and Mrs/ Kooser murdered in a house on Mound Curve, and Barrett killed afterwards on a county road just outside St. Paul for hijacking and cutting in on the liquer mob. Wickie Mansen was arrested for these killings but was allowed to take a burglary rap and he is now trying to get a parole Billwater prison. RECORDED

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1927 Ex-con Jim McManus and his two women slaughtered in a boosejoint on Tilton and Central and St/Peter street for hijack-in the liquor ring boose. 1928 Fred Morris murdered just south of St Paul because he was a pal of Barrett and knew too much about the gang connected with killing him and his wife.

1929 Sammy Heckelstein and Joe Hagen and Eddie Riggins murdered on a country road just outside St/Paul for hijacking liquor of the St/Paul gang.

1930 Max Schafer alies Winkler killed on a county road just outside St Paul because he was cutting on the liquor and dope peddlers in St Paul. 1931 Harry Gordon murdered on Snelling and University av by New Jersey killers brought in by the St Paul gang because Gordon was going to be indicted for Schafers death/ 1932 Pete LeVay or LeFay murdered on a country road just outside St. Paul because he worked with kidnapers of Leon Glickman. Besides there are half adosen other killins that St Paul police said were due to grudges and fights, but were ordered by the Glickman when they wanted to get rivals out of the way like they did when they New up Danny Hogan in his auto and killed him.

Minneapolis is just as bad with Mose Barnet and Kid Cann and Tom Banks in control of boose, gambling and rackets and joints. That bunch and inspector Brunskill paid all expenses for mayor Bainbridges campaing, and when he wanted to appoint a thief they made him take Lehmayer who worked well with the gang, because the business men wouldnt stand for Brunskill on account of his past record and connection with Barnett. Just the same Brunskill has been the boss behind the throne all the time and Lehmayer got kicked out because they couldnt agree even if Lehmayer was willing to do what the gang wanted. It looked se good for the gang that Barnett came right out hiding and faced his rap for assult in the dry cleaner racket because they throught their political power would make it easy to get the charge dismissed. But an honest judge stepped that and Barnet was convicted and is ready to jump his bond is his appeal is turned down.

Lason H. Longon

When Brunskill was chief in 1927 Barnet jumped out on the dry cleaner racket charges, and it made such a stink that Brig. Genl. Leach who is now in Washington fired Brunskill and would never let him back on the force as long as he was mayor. Then Barnet got picked up in Tacoma for burglary and jumped his bond there and now when he gets back to Mpls they cant even find a fingerprint or mug of him in the mug galler Brunskall bessed? Of

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Banks because Banks was already in good with Brunskill and Bainbridge and willing to pay the campaign costs.

Along with Barnett and Kid Cann came the Urshel ranson and Cann laid out seven hundred of it at a hotel, but the hotel help mixed it with other money so they couldn't swear it was Cann's and thats how he beat the rap.

Under Barnet and Cann the following murders and attempts took place in Mpls. 1923 Sam Goodman shot and killed in a Mpls care in a row with Kid Cann and his friends, and nobody prosecuted, 1924 Pete Winkler killed in a speakeasy by Barnet's friend Jack Davenport in a bambler row, and nobody prosecuted, 1925 Sam Duberstein shot and killed by Patt Joyce in front of Barnet's gambling headquarters in a row over dope earnings and nobody prosecuted/ 1926 Barnet shot and almost killed Roy Rogers in downtown Mpls, but elaimed Rogers was looking for him and there wasnt any prosecution because Brunskill was chief yet? 1927 Barnet men shot and almost killed Moward Gilford the editor of a scandal sheet who was exposing the Barnet and Brunskill and Kid Cann gambling and liquor connections. 1928 Max Goldman was shot and killed at a Minneapolis hospital by Kid Cann and Barnet gangsters that said he was the one informing the feds on them. 1929 Sam Doe Morrison was shot and killed near his morth Mpls/ home by gangsters hired by the Kid Cann and Elickmanngangs who get working together after Mose Barnet blew town in 1927? They said Dee Morrison was stooling for feds. 1930 Marty Robin shot and killed in a Hightclub just outside Hols by Mike Ritter. brought here from New York by the gang to get Tobin because he was defying the gang and giving information to police/ After this killing Kid Cann went to New Orleans and was linked up there with Barnet and other gangeters until Brunkill and Leymayor get in power. Then they came back and booked up with Tomy Banks and Brunskill's collector Wind gobetween Tom Russell and planned to open up wide and clean up in abig way in Mpls.

They was so determined to win the election that Banks tool farry Goldie held up two handbill passers at the point of a gun and took away a newspaper attacking Bainbridge and the gang. Goldie was identified by his victims and four witnesses, but when Bainbridge got elected the deal was hushed up by a complete cleanout of people in the police department that wouldn't work with the gang.

Old honest officers were run out of the department or stuck away in corners where they couldnt interfere with the gang having things their own way and in their place they put grafters that anybody could buy up. When business men outside kicked about it, they even stated runors that most of these follows were taken off their jobs on account of religious questions and differences. Even clerks were thrown out in the house-clean and fellows were put in their places that are gamblers and even have had criminal convictions on record against them. Thats the kind of administration they are giving Mpls and that the kidl of administration that was predicted by Mayor Anderson in the enclosed clipping taken from the Mpls Journal of June 13th, 1933.

If you will read the Minneapolis papers for about two weeks after the June 13th election you will see how the gangsters started out to at everybody out of the way in the police department so they would have no interference. Even if Lehmayer wasnt able to hang on without blunders and quarrels with Brunskill, you can see Brunskill is now running things, and the gang is getting along just swell with Barnet and Cann and banks and Russell shaking down the easy money and even sarting liquor stores of their own.

For your own good reputation, you ought to give the public some of these cases to read over, Mr/ Cummings, because most people up here are so dumb they think you have been talking through your hat/

Excuse my poor writing. I aint much of a Yours truly, typist.

M. C. A.

April 25, 1934 Division of Investigation, ... U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota. RE: ALVIE KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al,
ROWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDMAPING. There are transmitted herewith, for your information, 2 copies of an undated letter, postmarked at Minneapelis, Minneapelis, March 23, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General. Very truly yours, Enclosure 554185. FILES SECTION MAILED ★ APR 25 1934 ★ DIVISION OF DIVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTICE

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Room 1405 570 Lexington Ave. New York, New York

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April 27, 1934

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Director Division of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the investigation in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, it is requested that you turnish the following with the criminal record of Edward Rudick, New York City Police Department #8107316. #B107316:

> Inspector Rorer 'Jacksonville office Chicago office Kansas City office New York City office

> > Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY Special Agent BECORDED

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## H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois.



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April 26, 1934,

Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your information in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING, there are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated April 23, 1934, prepared by Special Agent J. A. Murphy. It will be noted that a certain individual has been exchanging notes which were paid as ransom in this case at various banks in Chicago. Under date of April 24, 1934, a circular letter was forwarded to all banks lying within the territory covered by the Chicago Division Office. There are forwarded herewith three copies of this circular letter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS, pur fox. Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois April 25, 1934

#### MELORANDUM FOR SPECIAL ACENT IN CHARGE M. H. PURVIS:

About 10:15 A.M. today, James W. Morton, Assistant Cashier of the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, advised Special Agent T. E. Billings by telephone that a man had just called at the bank and presented \$900.00, composed of \$5.00 bills and \$100 in \$10.00 bills and \$20.00 bills and requested ten One Hundred Dollar bills therefor. He further advised that the teller, one John Geskewich, who waited on this man, noticed that most of the \$5.00 bills, if not all of them, were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minne, and from a hasty check with the list of Bremer Ranson Bills, it appeared that several of those presented at the window were identical.

This Agent immediately called upon Mr. E. G. Dose, Cashier of the Uptown State Bank, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System, and James W. Morton, the Assistant Cashier, both of whom expressed a willingness to cooperate with this office. John Geskewich, a teller at this bank, who resides at 5156 North Linder Avenue, Chicago, stated that about 10:00 o'clock this morning, a man, who appeared, as follows, called at his window:

> Age: Height:

60 Years 5 feet 10 inches

weight: Hair: 190 lbs.

Complexion: Build:

Very fair Plump

Pace:

Wore dark rimmed tortoise shell

glasses.

Had on a brown felt hat with the rim turned down on around. He wore a sporty tan-colored topcoat and made a neat appearance; spoke in a soft voice and appeared to be an American.

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This man asked the toller for ten One Hundred Dollar bills, switing at the time that he had \$1,000.00 in small bills. The teller asked him if he had an account with the bank and he replied that he had not but that he would open up a shocking account.

This man appeared to be anxious to get out of the bank as quickly as possible, but otherwise did not exhibit any nervousness.

Mr. Geskewich stated that upon counting out the bills he found that there was \$900,00 in \$5.00 bills and \$100.00 in Tens and Twenties. He further noted that practically all, if not all of the \$5.00 bills, were either Federal Reserve Hotes or Maticual currency and were all draws on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, kinnesots. He made a hasty reference to the list of ransom bills furnished by the Division in connection with the Bremer Fidnaping and observed that the numbers on the bills he examined were identical with those on the list. He stated that he did not cause any suspicion to be aroused in this individual and took no steps to question him emeerming the money. He did not notice in which direction he went after leaving the bank and known nothing further concerning this man's identity.

Mr. Geskewich recalls distinctly that this same individual, dressed in the same clothes as described hereinbefore, called at the bank about one week ago and requested bills of large denomination for \$1,000.00 in smaller bills which he presented at his window. He recalls that these bills were in Fives, Tens and Twenties but does not remember the proportion of each. He has a rather hazy recollection of this man visiting the bank on one or two other occasions and requesting like exchanges of currency. The \$900.00 in Five Dollar Bills which were turned over to Mr. Geskewich today, have been set aside by the bank and will be kept for safe-keeping and future assistance of this office, if it is desired in the future that such money be examined.

Agent moted the serial numbers on each of these Five Dollar Bills, which numbers are being placed in a jacket in this file. The first eight bills examined proved to be ecutained in the list of ranson notes delivered in the Bremer case. A check was not made of the others, due to the limited time, but this is being done and the result of the comparison reported subsequently. It was noted by Agent that all of the Mive Dollar bills were drawn upon the Federal Reserve Bank of Mine applies, with the exception of one, a Federal Reserve Mote and Francisco, California.

Special Agent H. L. Scott endeavored throughout the day to sentiat as many banks as possible to ascertain whether this individual, or any others had appeared to exchange Brone ranson money. At the time of the dictation of this memorandum, it has been ascertained by Agent Scott that a man, enswering the description of the individual who appeared at the Uptown State Bank, also called at the Howard Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, at 9:15 this morning and presented \$1,350.00 in Five Dollar Bills, requesting a One Thousand Dollar bill, three One Hundred bills and a Fifty Dollar bill, which were given to him.

A Mr. H --- President of this bank has advised that he has kept this money segregated and will be glad to permit an Agent to examine the money and note the serial numbers. He further stated that employees at his bank had made a superficial check of the serial numbers on these bills with those contained on the Bremer ransom notes and had found at least one hundred of these Five Dollar bills were identical. Mr. H -- as well as the teller who made this exchange, will be personally contacted and all possible information will be obtained as to this individual and the number of times that he has visited this bank.

During the afternoon. Special Agent Billings communicated by telephone with Mr. Cowley of the Division and it is understood that Mr. Cowley suggested an Agent cover each of the banks where the Bremer money has been exchanged.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. MURPHY, Special Agent. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 24, 1934.

TO THE BANK ADDRESSED

Kindly refer to communication dated February 8, 1934, from J. E. Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, with which were forwarded to you lists showing numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

For your information, which you are requested to hold in strict confidence, a considerable amount of this ransom money has been received by several banks in Chicago during the past few days. I desire to solicit your cooperation in this matter and request that you carefully scrutinize all notes received by your bank, for the purpose of determining whether same may be kidnaping ransom notes. In the event an attempt is made to exchange ransom notes at your bank, it is requested that you detain the individual attempting to pass same and immediately communicate by telephone collect with the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Andover P411.

For your further information, there is provided below a description of an individual who has passed several ransom notes to banks in Chicago:

Age: 40 years
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Hair: Not known
Complexion: Very fair
Build: Plump
Face: Smooth

Glasses: Fore dark rimmed tortoise shell glasses
Had on a brown felt hat with the brim turned down
all around. He wore a sporty tan-colored topcoat
and made a neat appearance; spoke in a soft voice
and appeared to be an American.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
M. H. C. W.
M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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to 8, Department of Justice 70 Lexington Avecue, R Riverd George Br In sophy to your letter of April 87, 1834, regarding EDRARD REDICK, there is transmitted herorith the criminal resord of one Riverd Rudick, who is probably identical with the person concerning when you inquire, as reflected by the finger print files of the Division of Investigation.

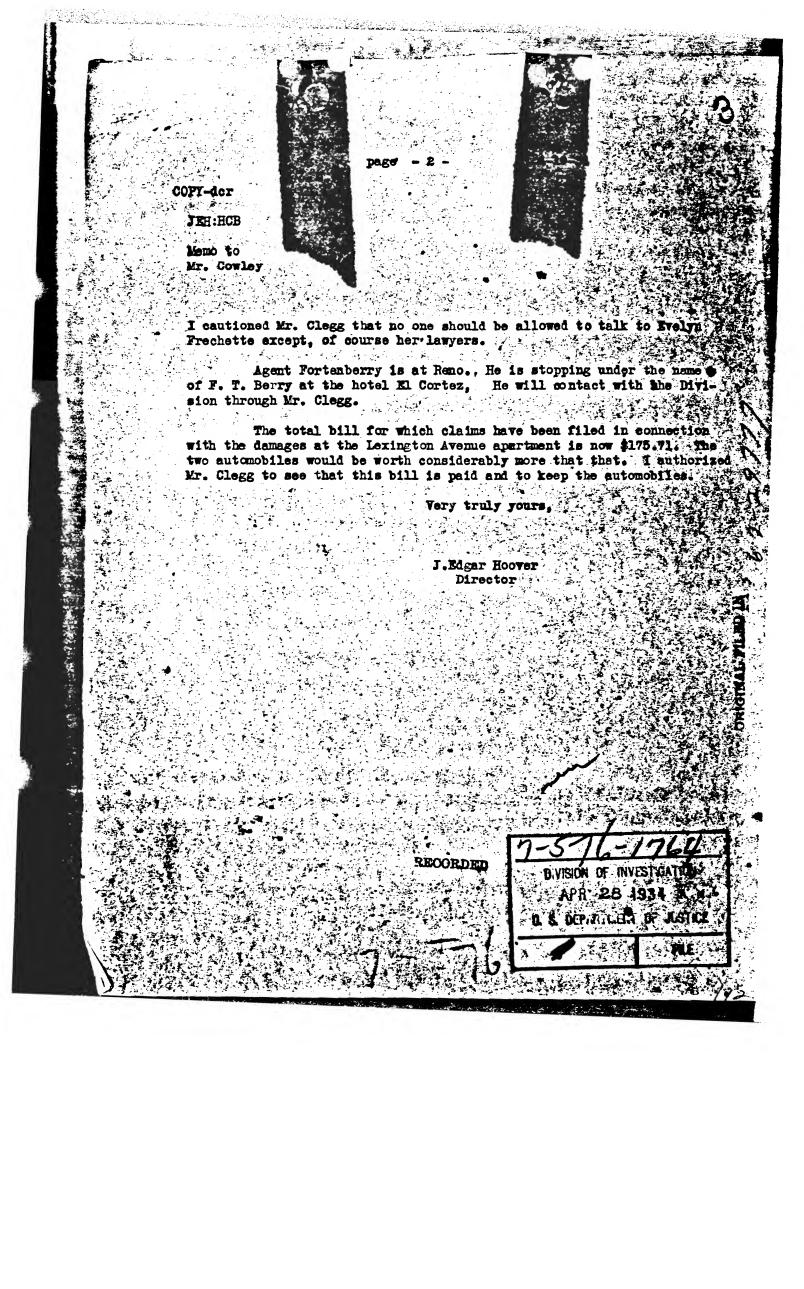
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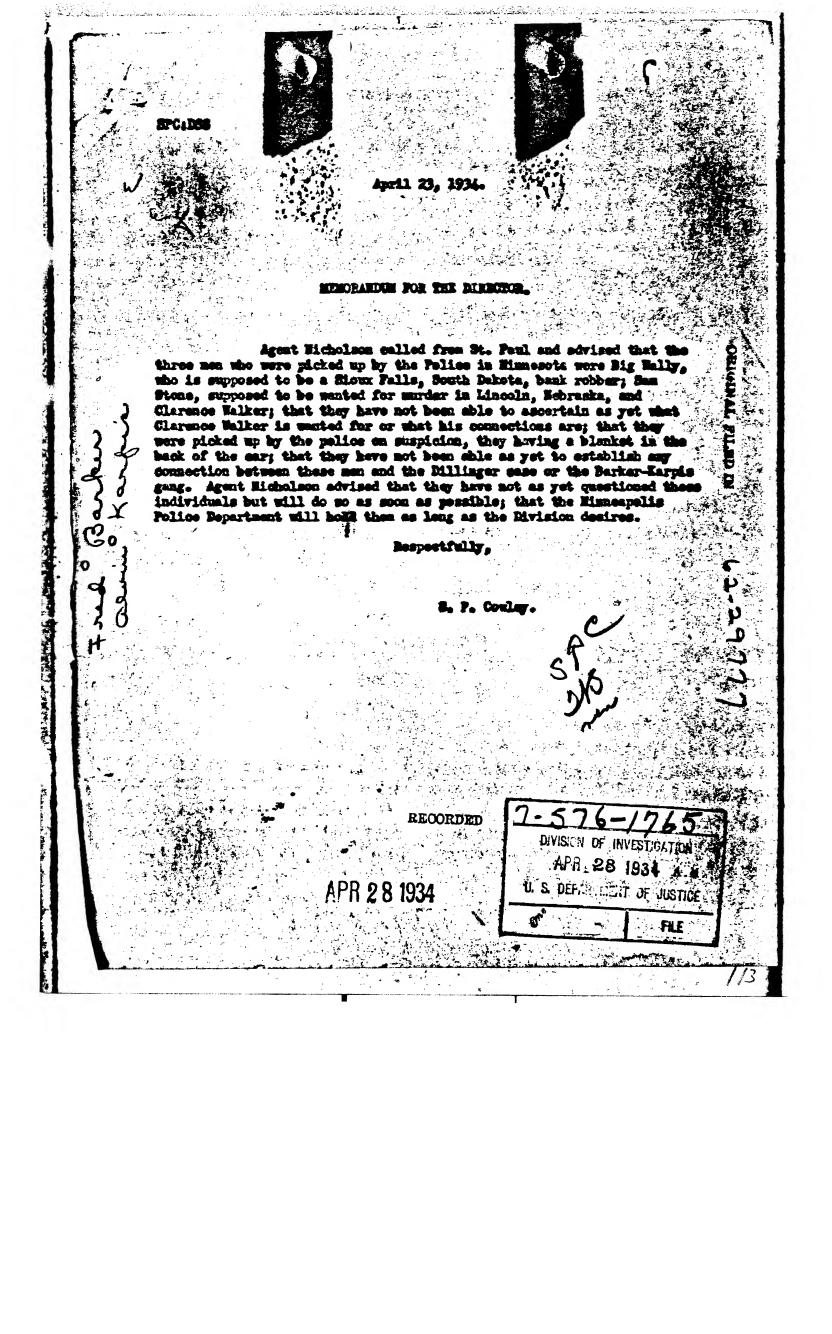


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This sampletes the check-up of the "Cesco" M and L goggles in the Butte Office territory.

Mo record was found in Idaho or Montana of automobiles known to have been in possession of Subjects and suspects, listed in letter from Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, to Salt Lake City Office, 5/23/54. Stop cards have been placed against all these cars and persons by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Montana and Idaho.

The Immigration Officers on the Canadian border of Montana and Idaho have been furnished with photographs and information and asked to be on the lookout for persons named in Director's letter of April 5, 1954.

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Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Dear Sir:

Director.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

CHARLES A. LIMBERGE, JR., Victim.

KINAPING AND MURDER.

St. Paul File No. 62-852.

A man giving the name of FORF COMMELL, address, 1419 Rest 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois, called at the St.Paul Bivision Office and gave the following information in this case:

He stated that about five years ago he was in an and mobile accident in Northwest Chicago, which resulted in a broken log, and that he convalesced in Brookfield, Illinois, where he resided at 3615 Verson Avenue, at the home of GROSCE CLARCE; that, after remaining there for about eight months, he lived at the her of a daughter of GEORGE CLAUGH, whose name is MRS. LESLIE MOOM. To stated that during the spring of 1982 he not a new named LEE XOUNTIS, who had become acquainted with a minter of MRS. LISLIE MOONT, and who visited MRS, MOODY with his wife. COMMEL stated that when SERTL arrived at the MODIN'S he left and began living in a room over the real estate offices of MABLIE and GINOTO (JANOTA), in Grange, Illinois, which offices are directly seroes the street from the Stone Avenue Depot; that while living ever these offices, he customarily lattered around the depot with LM CURTIS and in the early part of 1932 LEW CURTIS had several souversations in the visinity of the day at In Grange, Illinois, with men Asserbed to DONNEL as being FRED MY from Minnespolis, Minneseta, and BLACK JACK" from St. Paul, Minneseta; that "RED ED" and "BLACK JACK" arrived in La Grange in a Deige Sedan bearing Illinois tags and claimed that they more ledging at \$14 Borth Wells Street, Chicago, which, according to COMMELL, is a tileps house, He stated that CURTIS, "RID HI" and "HACK JACK" discussed, in the presence of COSMELL, the kidnaping of CHARLES LIMBS ROE, EDWARD MEMORY. and CHARLES A.LINDBERGH, JR.; that CURTIS stated that he had a brother who swood a shippard on the East Coast of the Baited States who would

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assist and arrange for a truck and ladder in the kidnaping of the LINDSERGES. So stated that he heard one of the men suggest that BREMER be kidnaped at that time, whereupon, CHRIS retorted that BREMER could be kidnaped any time, whereas, COLONEL LINDSERGE expected to go to Europe soon and, therefore, it would be necessary to kidnap one of the LINDSERGE'S first. He stated that he heard them state that they would kidnap CHARLES A.LINDSERGE, JR., first, after which they would kill him and obtain \$100,000.00 reason and later kidnap COLONEL LINDSERGE, whom they would hold for \$1,000,000.00 reason.

COMMEL stated that on February 2,1932, which was "ground hog day", CURTIS had a bandaged hand and term legs of trousers which he informed "FED ED" and "MLACK JACK" had been exused as the result of his sitting in a tree sutside of the LINDBERM home and watching the nurse, at which time, two dogs kept him "treed" for a sensiderable time and that he tore his trousers and injured his hand getting away from the dega,

GURTIS, "RED ED", and "BLACK JACK" are described by Mr. Connell, as follows:

Heme: LEW CURTUS
Age: 52 years
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 218 pounds

Hair: Oray, bald on top Build: Powerful Features: Long mose

Occupation: Cabinet maker. (Brother has a shipport)

iome: "RED ED" from Minnespolis, Minnesota.

Age: \$8-40 years Esight: \$'9\dag{a}'' Veight: 160 years Rybe: Gray Hair: Bei

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\*\*BLACK JACK\*, from St.Paul, Minnesota.

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Further questioning of CONNEIL disclosed that he, previously, went to MR.SWARS M of the prosecuting attorney's office at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and told his story to the "SECRET SIX", at which time, according to CONNEIL, he was told that he was insens and was confined in jail for some time. CONNEIL further admitted that since the kidnaping of BREER he had written to BREMER offering to solve the case for him. He further stated that some time ago he addressed a letter to this Division at Fashing—ton, D.G., which letter was mailed at Chicago, Illinois, about ten weeks ago, in which he requested that the Division insert an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune newspaper identifying the advertisement by using the numbers "555-555" and that he would enswer any questions which the Division desired,

Mr. Connell impressed me as being mentally unbalanced. He stated that he em be reached at 1419 East 67th Street, Chin age, Illinois, which is his only address.

Very truly yours,

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W.A.RORER, IMSPECTOR.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVED

Pivision of Investigation U.S. Pepariment of Instice Washington, N.C. April 25, 1934. Mr. TOLBON
Mr. CLEGO
Mr. COWLEY
Mr. EDWARDS
Mr. EGAN
Mr. QUINN
Mr. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
Mr. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Chicago at approximately 10:00 P.M. this evening with regard to the prisoner named KcLaughlin whom they wished to question in regard to the Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan stated that they are encountering considerable difficulty in obtaining release of the prisoner from the U. Sa Marshal who has stated to Mr. Furvis that he will not release the prisoner to the custody of the Division.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he believes that political influence is entering in, and he desires to have the necessary instructions issued from Washington in order that the Division might have the custody of the prisoner all night for the purpose of questioning him.

Respectfully,
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C. E. Fleinkauf

P.S. Mr. Stanley telephoned about 20 minutes later and stated that he had contacted Mr. Stewart with regard to the above and that Mr. Stewart had promised to telephone the Marshel at Chicago immediately.

Subsequent to Mr. Stanley's call, Mr. Stewart telephoned and inquired if we would be able to furnish the location of the Marshal. I suggested that he contact the Chicago office and furnished him the number.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION From: UNIT #1 Room From: Room 420 1934. To: Director Mr. Nathan Mr. Tolson Mr. Edwards \_Unit Two \_Unit Four Files Section Personnel Files Section \_\_Equipment Section \_\_Chief Clerk's Office \_Unit Five \_Identification Unit \_Statistical Section \_Technical Laboratory Mr. Baughman Mr. Cowley Mr. Little Mr. Lowdon Mr. Newby Mr. Smith Mr. Stapleton Miss Gandy Miss Finnell Washington Field Office Stenographic Pool \_Secretary Correct Re-write Re-date See Me Send file.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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April 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Stanley telephoned at 7:40 AM desiring to be advised as the whether or not the matter in Chicago had been straightened out regarding the questioning of McLaughlin in the Bremer case. I informed Mr. Stanley that I would obtain this information and advise him immediately as he desired to get on it early this morning if it had not been settled.

I communicated with Mr. Metcalfe of the Chicago Office who informed me that McLaughlin had been brought to the Chicago Office and wax had been questioned all night and that he was still there. The foregoing information was transmitted to Mr. Stanley at Laural.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik G. Peterson.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

April 26, 1954.

Special Agent in Charge Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 536, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith blue alip in the amount of \$47.00, signed by Special Agent B. E. Sackett.

You are advised that this blue alip must be submitted with an expense voucher in order to secure reimbursement. If it is desired, a supplemental voucher, containing only this item, may be prepared and submitted for payment,

Yeary truly yours,

Directer.

Bnel. #555048.

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Los Angeles, California April 20, 1934.



Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, FT AL
Edward Gβ Bremer, Victim
KIDNAPING
L. A. File 7-42

I am transmitting herewith a blue slip submitted by Special Agent B. R. Sackett, covering actual money spent in connection with covering all of the gambling places in Reno, Nevada and vicinity from March 12, 1934 to April 10, 1934, in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of subjects at Reno.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN, Special Agent in Charge.

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Enc.







Suite L Federal Building Kansas City, Missouri April 24, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, P O Box 1276, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 10 1218
ARTHUR ROBARKER, with aliases, 10 1219,
ET AL
EDULAD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of even date between Special Agent E. E. Andersen of this office and Special Agent E. E. Black at Oklahoma City regarding information as to the whereabouts of Jim Clark, Fred and Arthur Barker.

On April 23, 1934, Mr. A. J. Graham, Assistant to the Deputy Warden at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kanses, telephoned this office requesting that an Agent call at the penitentiary to interview an inmate.

Special Agent M. E. Andersen conferred with Fr. Greham at the Kanses State Penitentiary and was advised that one Oren i. Kitching, Register No. 4065 at the prison was formerly an inmate of the State Penitentiary at Fr. Alester, Oklahoma and was a friend of Jim Clark, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker. Mr. Graham informed that Kitching was received at the institution during February, 1934, from Wichita, Kansas, under sentence of 10-21 years for robbery with firearms. Mr. Graham observed that shortly after Kitching's arrival at the prison, many of the convicts, who had formerly been in Oklahoma, got in touch with Kitching and apparently too him into their confidence. Mr. Graham said that Kitching had been especially friendly with one Clarence (Whitey) Eno, who is serving two long sentences for robbergalth: firearms. Mr. Graham advised that ano was formerly very closed to the Barkers and other outlaws of Oklahoma.

Oren A. Kitching was interviewed in the presence of Mr. Grahem and at first attempted to negotiate for his release, promising that he

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could and would "put Jim Clark and the Barkers on the spot within a week." He was informed that no promises could be made to him, but Kr. Graham advised him that if any information he might furnish should prove of value, the State would naturally give him some consideration.

Kitching then stated that on arriving at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, he had been very friendly with Whitey Eno, a former prison-mate of his at the State Penitentiary at Ec Alester, Oklahoma. He said that Eno told him that he expected certain Oklahoma outlaws, including Fred Barker, arthur Barker and Jim Clark, to stage a delivery at the penitentiary in the near future.

The plans concerning the delivery at the penitentiary, according to Kitching, include the kidnaping of the Warden; when the Warden is kidnaped, they contemplate compelling him to telephone the Deputy Warden ordering that certain convicts (including Kno) be taken out of the penitentiary. The outlaws then plan to kidnap the Deputy Warden and proceed with the Warden and the Deputy Warden to Kansas City in a roundabout way, and the prison officials are to be released, according to the present plan, somewhere near Kansas City, when the outlaws will proceed to Joplin, Eissouri, where they have a contact.

Kitching was questioned regarding the whoreabouts of the Barkers and Clark and stated that the Barkers returned last week from Houston, Texas, and are now in hiding in Cklahoma. He related that they have a hide-away in the Osage County in Oklahoma, where they are harbored by an individual known to the informant as "George." Kitching stated that this hide-away may be located by driving from Burbank south on the Pawhuska Highway; near the Fairfax cut-off on the road in question is situated a dance hall and road house; near this point, an old oil field road leads off to the right into what is known as the "Title Osage Leace." This road should be followed until about three miles from the Title Osage Leace towards Burbank; at this point, a side road leads off to the right, which passes the Gyray Oil Company. The George mentioned by the informant looks after the wells at that point.

On the location mentioned above are two one-story houses, and a tool-house. Goorge resides there with his wife and a small child. According to the informant, the hide-out is in a very isolated country. Course, he related, enjoys the confidence of the Farkers and Clark and is very close to them. As a matter of fact, he said, Arthur(Doc)Barker bought George a Chevrolet coupe last year.

Ritching seid that according to the information he received, the Barkers have plenty of money and with Jim Clark have two ears; that Doc Barker drives a new Chevrolet ear, model unknown, while either Jim Clark or Fred Barker has a Flymouth Sedan. These men, according to Kitching, are hiding out in the Osage County because of "the general heat caused by Clyde Barrow and others of his ilk."

Kitching said that the Barkers and Clark can always be located through one Merlin Killer, an Indian who resides at Okotah, Oklahoma, which is situated about fifteen miles south of Muskogse. Miller lives in a white house, which is enclosed with a white picket fence. Miller's mother resides at Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and sometimes harbors criminals for her son. According to Kitching, he could get into communication with the Berkers at any time through Miller, who always knows of their whereabouts.

The Berkers also have a contact at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, with an Italian woman, whose maiden name is antone; she is the sister of Tom antone, who is now serving time in the State Penitentiary at Mc Alester, Chlahoma. According to the informant, Boyd Patton an ex-convict at Joplin, Missouri, who now resides at Joplin, Missouri, is also a contact man for the Barkers. Another contact is Talt Emery, a convict from the Oklahoma State Fenitentiary, who is now in Kansas City, Missouri, on leave for one year. 3. B. Thompson, who runs a garage in Arkansas City, Kansas, is also a contact man for the Barkers.

Kitching in conclusion remarked that he felt certain the information set forth above is correct and that if proper investigation is made without the assistance of local officers of Oklahoma, it will be possible to apprehend the Barkers and Jim Clark.

Mr. Graham informed Agent Anderson that he has kert his eye on Kitching and is inclined to believe that the latter really has access to information regarding the Barkers and is attempting to "shoot square."

Very truly yours,

E. E. CORRCY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Bldg. Chi cago, Ill. April 84, 1934

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 536, Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with elieses, I.O.#1218: ARTHUR R P BARKER. with alianes, I.O.#1219: et al. Idward George Bremer, Vistim KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please be advised that Fuel some, Chicago Inc.
BERNARD PHILLIPS. BERNARD PHILLIPS. the subject of Identification Order #1196 and who is mentioned prominently in the KANNO file of the two letters affie directed derive. M. Lee on April S. 1934 from Clendele, Arizona, which letters bore no return address.

In view of the fact that Bernard Phillips was a close associate of the late VERNE MILLER and in view of the further fact it is known the KARPIS-BARKER Cong were closely associated with Verne Miller, it is desired that discreet investigation be made at Glandale, Arizona for such information as may be obtained with regard to Phillips or members of the Karpis-Barker Gang.

For the assistance of the Los Angeles Office, the mail tracings are being forwarded herewith with the request they be returned to this office when they have served their purpose &

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge PIVISION OF INV U.S. DEFIE



1900 Bankers Eldg., Chicago, Illinois April 84, 1934



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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 709, Portland, Oregon

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PE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218: ARTHUR ROBARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219: et al EDWARD GEORGE BREAKR, VICTIM. KIRNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. P. Geraghty, San Francisco, March 27, 1934, in which it is noted that Thomas S. Flanders, former husband of Pauline Bentz, Scattle Police Department No. 17111; Robert E. Dunn, Scattle Police Department No. 17108; and Charles LeRoy Kelso, Dallas Police Department No. 10564, are members of Edward Bentz' former gang.

It is deemed advisable that the Portland and Dallas Offices secure two copies of these photographs for the Division, the Saint Paul and Chicago Offices.

It is believed photographs of these individuals and further investigation of these persons will assist in the location of Edward and Theodore Bentz.

Very truly yours,

ERH: Titli SC: Division. St. Paul. Dallas.

M. H. PURVIS, Special Agent in Charge

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THT: NO 7-120 Room 1405 370 Lesington Ave. New York, New York

April 23, 1934

Mr. William T. Bi Postmaster Rome, New York

Re: MAYIN KAMPIS with aliases, et al Edward G. Bremer-Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In May, 1933 one C. R. Moore, who gave as his address 700 West Thomas Street, Rome, New York, registered his Oldsmobile sedan in Lansing, Michigan.

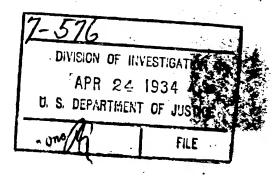
This Division is desirous of securing such information as you may possess with respect to this individual. Will you kindly inform whether prior to May, 1935 Moore resided at the above address and also whether he has resided there since that time. Will you also inform as to his occupation, marital status and such other data as you may possess concerning this individual.

Very truly yours,

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F. I. FAY Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division



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There is no Michel Terrace Street in Santa Barbara, California, and the current post office, city, and telephone directories do not list J. C. Hunter.

Letter from the San Francisco office, deted Merch 51, 1954.

F. B. Long, Superintendent of Mails, Santa Barbara, California, Office, informed there is no street in Santa Barbara named Michel Terrase, that the post effice directory did not list a J. C. Hunter.

The name J. C. Hunter is not listed in the current San and telephone directories.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN. REPORT MADE AT 4-23-34 4-16-34 .. C. D. WHITE CHARACTER OF CASE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL O KIDNAPING UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Edward G. (Bremer, Victim SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1934 California License 6C 189 issued to MRS. L. B. DECKER of Felton, California, for 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor #1203064, is presently on described car in possession of MABEL MUNFORT at Winton, California.  $P_{\bullet}$ ERENCE: Telegram from San Francisco Division Office dated 4-16-34 Reference wire received by the Los Angeles Division Office reflects that telegraphic communication had been received from Inspector Clegg of the St, Paul Division Office advising that FRETOBARKER and ALVIN KARPIS were said to be identified at Topeka, Kansas, proceeding east in a Green Sedan, bearing 1934 California License 6C 189. The wire further reflects that the license in question was registered to MRS. L. B. DECKER of Felton, California for 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor #1203064, and that that individual, in February, 1934, had given the car to her son DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES APR 30 1934 A M St. Paul DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WILLIAM MINFORT, Winton, California.

California, Tifteen miles from Winton, who immediately dispatched two deputites to Winton, and subsequently advised that the car in question was located at that place in possession of MABEL MUNFORT, the daughter of MRS. L. B. DECKER, MAREL MUNFORT having received the ear in question from her mother in February of 1934, and same having remained constantly in her possession since that time. The car presently bears the above described 1934 California license plates.

Sheriff WHITE further advised that MARKL MUNFORT stated that the car had not at any time been in possession of her brother DONALD who is described as being 20 years of age, height 5' 7", weight 155, complexion medium, color of hair and eyes not obtained by the deputy sheriffs. The present whereabouts of DONALD is not known.

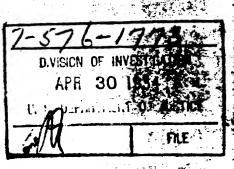
The above information was telegraphically forwarded to Inspector Clegg on April 16, 1934.

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April 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.



I talked to Mr. Clegg last night. He advised that Mr. Rorer had just called and stated that there had been no petition filed at Rhinelander, Wisconsin; that the petition filed at Mercer, Wisconsin, had on it between 30 and 40 names; that Mr. Rorer, when he first called and advised that there were seven names on the petition, had only been shown the first page containing the seven names; that Mr. Rorer had contacted the Sheriff and County Attorney at Rhinelander and they were both displeased because they had not been advised and taken into the confidence of the Division before the raid, but that after discussing the matter with tehm for about two hours they were both left in good spirits. Mr. Clegg stated that Mr. Rorer had pointed out to them that they were not in the county in which the raid was conducted and sonsequently had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Clegg stated also that the Police Department at Minneapolis had arrested a girl friend of Alvin Karpis and that they were questioning her then but that up to date she had not given any information and had denied acquaintance with this gang; that the indications were she was also a close associate of Dr. May.

O Mr. Clegg stated that where was a rumor to the effect that Volney Peris, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, was in the city and that the Division had a man working under cover at a hotel where it was reported Davis would likely be.

Mr. Clegg stated, further, that he wasproceeding to Mercer, Wisconsin, tonight at seven o'clock for the purpose of attending the Cororer's inquest and requested advice as to the nature of the testimony to be given by him, asking whether he should prepare a statement to read at the inquest or whether the sestimony should be oral. He stated that he was inclined at the present time, though he had not had time to give the matter enough consideration, to believe that the testimony should be oral and frank. I see no reason why the Division should not disclose the fasts as known to Mr. Clagg. Mr. Clagg also suggested the advisability of requesting that the inquest be held in private chambers and not made public. I am of the opinion that this is not possible; that it must necessarily be an open hearing. However

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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V. W. Peterson on April 18 and			
Mrs. LeRoy Shaw, Wh	itewater, Wisco	nsin provided i	nformation *
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in whitewater, Wisconsin and that the photographs of Fred Barker and Iring Barker somewhat resembled these men. Ethel Shaw referred to her diary and ascertained that the two men called for the Pitt girls at the Shaw home in Whitewater, Wisconsin on February 15 and 17, 1934. Ethel Shaw and Mrs. LeRoy Shaw advised that the two men gave a certain amount of money to the Pitt girls and that they purchased dresses with same at the white-water Department Store.

Iva Pitt and Ida Pitt were interviewed by Special Agent V. W.

Peterson at the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, 2385 North Lake
Drive, Milwankee, Wisconsin. The first interview occurred in the presence
of Miss Mable McConnell, Parole Officer. Ida Pitt was interviewed a second
time in the presence of Alice Stemholm, Superintendent. Ida Pitt and
Iva Pitt are twins (date of birth - March 13, 1918). Miss Stenholm stated
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ida Pitt and Iva Pitt denied that they

Photographs of the following Individuals were shown to lua and Iva Pitt: Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz, Ted Bentz, Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz. They were unable to identify any of said photographs. They were questioned at considerable length but no information of value to this inquiry could be developed.

Ida and Iva Pitt denied having met two men in a large car at the Shaw home as contended by Ethel Shaw. They admitted, however, that one morning they were met at the Shaw home by Presstol Odell and Philo Olson and that Ethel Shaw rode with them to the business district of Whitewater, Wisconsin on that occasion. Ida and Iva Pitt further stated that Martin Carner and Arthur Hamilton called for them in a large dark colored sedam; believed to have been a Buick. They do not recall having moticed any foreign license plates on the various cars driven by the with whom they kept company.

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### At Waupun, Wisconsin.

LeRoy Shaw, number 21632. Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, is serving sentences of one to four years and one to two years, concurrently, as a result of his relations with the Pitt girls. LeRoy Shaw is twenty-six years of age. LeRoy Shaw stated that approximately in February, 1934, two men drove to the home of his mother in Whitewater, Wisconsin in a large Buick sedan; that they requested his sister, Ethel Shaw, to accompany them and the Pitt girls; that his sister. Ethel Shaw refused because the men were unknown to her:

LeRoy Shaw advised that he saw this Buick car drive past his home on Wisconsin Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin on several occasions; that the car usually proceeded on Wisconsin Street in the direction of Green Lake and that it is possible that they were residing in a cottage near Green Lake. LeRoy Shaw further stated that about the second or third week in January he observed a large Lincoln sedan containing five men pass his place. The Lincoln sedan was followed by a large Buick in which there were five men and the Buick was followed by a green Ford in which there were three people. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to LeRoy Shaw: Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Mrs. Kate Barker, Mrs. Ed Bentz; Ted Bentz, and Ed Bentz. LeRoy Shaw stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis resembled a man who was seen in the Lincoln sedan. This individual wore a black derby hat and a dark suit. LeRoy Shaw further stated that he saw the individual who resembles Alvin Karpis driving the Lincoln sedan on the day following the newspaper account of the hold up of the Mason City, Iowa Bank.

#### At Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Francis Shaw, number 9232, Wisconsin State Reformatory, Grean Bay, Wisconsin, was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. Francis Shaw is eighteen years of age and is serving a sentence of one to three years for statutory rape. He stated that Ida and Iva Pitt came to the Shaw home in Whitewater, Wisconsin about one o'clock in the morning approximately two months ago. On this occasion they were accompanied by two men in a large Buick sedan, 1933 model.

The Pitt girls requested the Shaw to accompany them but Ethel refused. Francis Shaw stated that he saw the two men referred to; that one man wore a black derby hat and that the other man was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to Francis Shaw: Arthur Barker, Mrs. Ed Bentz, Mrs. Kate Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz and Ted Bentz. Francis Shaw stated that the man who wore the chauffeur's uniform resembled the photograph of Volney Davis and that the man wearing the black derby resembled the photograph of Fred Barker. He stated that he is quite positive that the men he saw in the car were identical with Volney Davis and Fred Barker.

Henry Wudtke, age 26, number 9231, Wisconsin State Reformance of the first serving a sentence of one to three years under a charge of statistic rape. Henry Wudtke was unable to provide any information pertinent inquiry. He did not observe the men driving the large cars referred above. Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to Henry Wudtke with negative results: Ted Bentz, Ed Bentz, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz.

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On April 18, 1934, Special Agent V. W. Peterson interviewed LeRoy Shaw, number 21632, Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin in wonnection with the instant case. Upon completion of the interview with LeRoy Shaw, no transportation was available for a period of approximately three hours and during this time Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation in Waupun, Wisconsin.

W. L. Tezlaff, Chief of Police and R. H. Franklin, Police
Officer, provided the following information concerning Waupun. It has a
population of about 3,800 inhabitants in addition to 2,100 immates of the
Wisconsin State Priosn and hospital. There is a stationary siren located
in Waupun, Wisconsin but it is sounded only in case of fire. Sirens of
other towns are not audible. There is a whistle on the Wisconsin State
Prison which has a sound similar to a factory whistle. It is sounded at
the following times each day: 5:50 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M.
and 5:00 P.M. There are five factories in Waupun and the whistles of
said factories are sounded at the following hours: 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M.,
12:00 noon, 12:30 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. Eight churches are
situated in Waupun, Wisconsin but only one Catholic church and two Lutheran
churches have bells. The church bells of said churches are rung only on
Sunday mornings and are not rungon Saturdays or on week days except in
the event of funerals or other unusual services. The Chicago Milwaukee,
St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Waupun, Wisconsin. Following
is a schedule of the passenger trains which pass through Waupun:

7:50 A.M. South bound 9:25 A.M. North bound 4:50 P.M. South Bound 8:00 P.M. North bound

A freight train arrives in Waupun about three or four A.M. each day. A considerable amount of switching takes place in Waupun each day and a local switch engine remains in Waupun constantly. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes about three miles east of Waupun. This line uses a peculiar air whistle which may be heard in Waupun if the wind is favorable. Two trains pass over the Chicago and Northwestern line daily. The south bound train passes near Waupun at 8:00 A.M. and the north bound train passes at 3:00 P.M.

Harry Landall, water meter reader, Waupun, Wisconsin, residence address, 108 East Jefferson, Waupun, was interviewed. He stated that a relative all homes in Waupun, Wisconsin in connection with his duties of mater meter reader. A description of the hideout in this case was provided that a place of said description does not exist in Waupun, Wisconsin. A home located at 390 Fond du Lac Street has a kitchen in the basement. Mr. Landall advised that there are only two rooms in the basement of this home. One room is used as a kitchen and

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the other room is unfurnished. It is used as a furnace room. Max Winkel is the owner of the home located at the given address and it is winkel is the owner of the nome located at the given address and it is occupied by Frank Wittenburg, his mother and two sons. Frank Wittenburg is employed as a guard at the Wisconsin State Prison. Igent was unable to examine this house personally prior to leaving Kaupun on other official business, but from the description furnished by Harry landall it would not answer the description of the hideout in the Bremsy case.

C. Nummerdon, Lineman, Waupun Eater and Light Company, Waupun, Wisconsin, was also interviewed. He stated that the home located at 390 Fond du Lac, has a basement which has only two rooms. One room is used as a kitchen and the remaining room is the furnace room. Mr. Nummerdon and Mr. Landall advised that there are no other homes in Waupun which have basements that are suitable for living quarters.

The following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent
V. W. Peterson at which time photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin
Karpis, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Ed Bentz, Arthur Barker, Ted Bentz,
Krs. Kate Barker and Mrs. Ed Bentz were exhibited to them.

A. H. McCarty, attendant, Standard Oil Service Station,

Forest and East Main, Waupun, Wisconsin.

E. A. Burmeister, Proprietor, Waupun into Sales, Waupun, Wisconsin.

E. H. Franklin, Police Officer, Waupun, Wisconsin.

E. H. Albrecht, attendant Shell Service Station, 25 Fast Wain. W. H. Albrecht, attendant, Shell Service Station, 25 East Kain, Waupun, Wisconsin.
W. L. Tezlaff, Chief of Police, Naupun, Wisconsin.
D. C. Newcomb, Proprietor, S & N Motor Sales, 510 East Main, W. I. Tezlaff, Chief of Police, Laupun, Wisconsin.
D. C. Newcomb, Proprietor, S & N Motor Sales, 510 East Main,
Waupun, Wisconsin.
E. A. Jaques, Shop Foreman, Brooks and Plum Garage, 514 East Main,
Waupun, Wisconsin.
C. M. Powers, Van Hengel's Drug Store, 324 East Main, Waupun,
Arved Eck, Pharmacist, Ulve's Drug Store, 510 East Main, Waupun,
Lirs. A. Damsteegt, Kastein and Damsteegt Drug Store, 313 East
Kain, Waupun, Wisconsin.
Harry Landall, Water meter reader, Waupun, Wisconsin.
C. Mummerdon, Lineman, Waupun Water and Light Company, Waupun.
Ethel Irwin, Western Union Company, 16 South Madison, Waupun.
Ethel Irwin, Western Union Company, 16 South Madison, Waupun.

The above individuals were unable to identify any of the photographs which were exhibited to them.

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> P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota.



April 28, 1934

Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with alianes, I.O.1218, FUGITIVE, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Mr. H. O. Summerfield of the Summerfield Furniture Company, 411 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that Charles W. Lucas opened an account with the Summerfield Furniture Company on February 20, 1932, in the amount of \$202.98. The furniture purchased was purchased under the name of Charles W. Lucas and was placed in an apartment at the LaSalle Apartment Building, 5th Avenue and Second Street, South St. Paul. Subsequently, the furniture company moved this furniture to 178 Avon Street, St. Paul, and later to 241 Brimhall Street, Apartment 207, St. Paul. When the furniture was moved to the Brimhall Street address, he furnished the name of Charles W. Bolling instead of Charles W. Lucas, and this alias was interpreted by the Summerfield Furniture Company as indicating that probably all was not well with his reputation.

Mr. Summerfield described Lucas as slightly southern in his enunciation and pronunciation. He would judge, he stated, that Lucas probably came from Kansas City. Mr. Summerfield further stated that Lucas was nice appearing and very quiet, said very little concerning himself, and appeared to have some refinement.

The most recent payment was made by this individual personally on March 12, 1934, when there was a total balance due of \$46.48. The furniture in question is now being held in the basement of the Summerfield Furniture Company, and they stated that they will notify the St. Paul office in the event this individual subsequently gives an order for placing this furniture elsewhere.

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On the occasion of opening the account, this individual, who has been identified by Lucy Backson, Leonia Goodman, and Bessie Green as identical with Billy Weaver, indicated that he was at that time working for the Concord Novelty Company, 259 North Concord Street. The Summerfield Furniture Company called Mr. McCormick, the Manager of the novelty company, and verified the fact that Lucas was known there. Lucas stated that he formerly worked with the St. Louis Novelty Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and sold punch boards and slot machines for them. He gave Mrs. Nellie Frazier, 1072 Fifteenth Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, as the name and address of a sister, and he stated his wife's first name was Myrtle, and that he knew Mrs. Ruby Richard Jackson of Des Moines, Iowa. On that occasion, he listed TomyFilben, St. Paul automobile finance company official (who has been questioned by the Division) as a reference.

Weaver has been known by the drivers for the Summerfield Furniture Company to have possessed a 1933 Chevrolet automobile and at other times a Buick and a Ford.

Attached to the Division's copies of this letter is a furniture receipt form which bears the penciled signature of Weaver as "C. W.,Lucas".

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLECG, Inspector.

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#### DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, Fugitive, et al; Unknown Subjects.

Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Number: 7-576-1775

Specimens: One furniture receipt of the Summerfield Furniture Company, St. Paul, Minnesote, and signed by C. W. Lucas.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: May 1, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

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April 26, 1934

#### MENORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

I telephoned the Chicago Office shortly after noon today and talked with Mr. Waters. He stated that they questioned Jehn/McLaughlin is connection with the Bremer case all last might, but were unable to obtain any information. He advised that a man by the name of Delaney has also been taken into constady. He is a bartender who has known McLaughlin for about 25 years, and has made a statement that McLaughlin, through Videler and Delangy, has passed \$50,000 of the Bremer money. So far, no previous record has been obtained on Delaney. No information of value, except possibly some addresses and telephone numbers, was found in McLaughlin's house.

I talked to Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago later in the aftermoon. He advised that Agent Lockerman this morning went to the Board of Trade Safe Deposit Vault Campany, and the Manager would furnish me information without a sourt order stating that no one but our Division should be given the information. He refused to advise whether any one had appeared there wanting to gain entry to the box. Hr. Lockerman went to see the lawyers, at their suggestion. While he was gone, the son of McLaughlin was admitted to the bex. Division Agents then took the McLaughlin boy into custody and found some of the Bradesmoney on his person. A warrant is being sworn out for him. Mr. Purvis stated that the senior McLaughlin had made a statement that he was "third-degreed."

Mr. Purvis suggested giving the above information with reference to the Board of Trade Safe Deposit Vault Company's action to the newspapers. Mr. Mathan, however, did not share this view. I agreed with Mr. Purvis that the gress is entitled to this information. Mr. Mathan made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that the President of the Board of Trade Deposit Company be called in first and informed as to our intended action.

Yery truly yours,

Director.

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April 27, 1934.

In connection with the investigation which this Division is conducting into the Broner kidneping, I wanted to advise you that yesterday Agents of this Division in Chicago took into custody W. E. Videler. Videler had upon his person \$2,660 of the Bremer money. Videler was convicted in 1920 in Illinois for larceny and sentenced to from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary. In examining Videler, he made a statement that he had received this money from one John McLaughlin, reported to be a West Side politicism in Chicago. Harrants have been obtained for the arrest of McLaughlin, as well as Videler.

In connection with this matter, I wanted to advise you of a development at Chicago which has been characteristic of some of the past developments incident to cases upon which we have worked. In some manner, possibly through employees of the bank which advised us of the efforts of Videler to exchange the bills which he had for larger bills, the newspapers learned that there was some investigative activity. They made inquiry of Mr. Purvis, the Agent in Charge of this Division at Chicago, and in accordance with the instructions which have always governed in these matters, Mr. Purvis stated at the FILES SECTIONS be could not make any comment. At that particular time Agents of our Division were endeavoring to locate McLaughlin, and to have made any public statement concerning the matter would possibly have resulted in APR 29 18 Tallure to locate McLaughlin. Some of the representatives of the press at Chicago became highly indignant because Mr. Purvis would not give IN VISION OF INVESTIGATION and I the details concerning the matter and I understand that ene LEPARTMENT OF LINES representatives called Washington and talked with Mr. Carusi in your effice relative to the same. It has been quite difficult at Chicago to impress upon the representatives of the press that we cannot conduct our investigations in the newspapers and that we cannot disclose the details of our work. Because of Mr. Purvis' action in fellow ing the policy of not talking for publication in such matters he has incurred certain emmittee, and I wanted you to know of this particular situation, because I believe that he has merely done the intelligent and sensible thing. If we were to disclose to the press the various investigative steps which have been and are to be taken, wild not make very much headway. Respectfully,

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J. Edgar Hoover MDAKED

April 27, 1934.

#### MEMORANDOM FOR THE DIRECTOR,

I contacted Mr. Clegg et St. Paul in connection with the reports to the effect that members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been identified by Mingerprints at Little Bohemia. Mr. Clegg advised that there was nothing to this story and that he did not know the source of it.

Mr. Clegg stated that he had seen an article in a newspaper at St. Faul indicating that part of the Bremer Franson money had been found in Dillinger's baggage located at Little Bohemia. He stated that, of course, this was not true.

Hr. Clegg advised further that in connection with Dr. Hay, who had been arrested for treating Billinger, newspaper articles in local papers carried the story that Dr. Hay had stated he had been forced to treat Millinger at the point of a gum.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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Room 1405 570 Lexington Avenue New York, N. Y.

April 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of April 13th to Inspector Rorer in reference to the case involving Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al. In that letter, mention was made of Bernard Phillips, I. O. #1196.

Attached hereto you will find the original of the registration eard covering the registration of Phillips and Winnie Williams at the Hotel Belvedere, New York City, ea August 24, 1932 under the name of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Patten. The remaining details with respect to their stay at this hotel are covered in my letter of April 13th. Jack Welsh, the room clerk who took the registration, was interviewed and advised that the registration is not in his handwriting, although the ether writing on the eard is his. It is requested that you ... submit this card to Winnie Williams, and it be ascertained from her whether it is her handwriting. If not, and if it is the hendwriting of Phillips, it is suggested that you have a number of photostatic copies made for distribution with a sufficient number of copies being furnished the immediately interested offices. The original registration eard should be returned to this office.

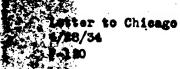
With reference to the phone calls put through by OF HIVESVIGATION Phillips on September 4, 1932 to St. Paul and on September 5, 1932 to Chicage, this is to inform that inquiry at the New York 934 A.M. Telephone Company revealed that records pertaining to least ment of JUSTICE distance calls are not kept ever six months.

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With further reference to my letter of April 15th to Inspector Rorer, you will note that I advised certain calls made by Phillips or Winnie Williams while in New York City would be run out.

On September 20, 1932 a call was put through to the telephone listed in the name of Louis J. Robertson, 2 Park Avenue, How York City, This individual was interviewed, and he was 2 wad to be reliable. He is an influential citizen of this city, is engaged in the importing of leather for shoes, was connected with the Department of Justice during the war, and is a Captain in the New York Pelice Reserve. He advised he does not know any Bernard Phillips or Winnie Williams and that his two office employees have been with him for over ten years. He sould not account for the call, but did say that the shoe and leather companies put on a show in New York City each fall. Upon searching his records, he learned that for 1932 the show was held on September 19th and 80th. He said that many buyers and manufacturers from Chicago attend these shows. The only explanation, therefore, for this call would appear to be based on the guess that some friend of Winnie Williams visited her at the hotel on September 20, 1932 and salled Robertson who is prestically in charge of the shows, and high in the shoe and leather business.

You will note that on September 2, 1932 at the time Phillips was with Winnie Williams, a sall was put through to the Milebrook Apartments at 61 East 66th Street, New York City, and again on September 4th and September 6th. Harry Hamilton, superintendent of this apartment house, advised that he assumed the duties of superintendent on August 16, 1932. This is a high grade apartment house in one of the most exclusive sections of Menhattan. It holds thirteen apartments. The names of the tenants residing there in September, 1932 were gone over and all appeared absolutely legitimate except one, and it would appear that this one had a connection with Phillips. Hemilton said that a man by the name of RUDICK occupied the fifth fleor. He was living there with his wife. He was a weekly tenant and paid in sash. He was desirous of ridding the house of this weekly tenantil who held back on his rent, and caused him to leave the apartment or about September 15, 1952. He sould not recall the first name of this man, Rudick, but stated he was about 35; 5'll" tall;





weighed about 180 pounds; sandy hair; blue eyes; large stom ch; rather prominent nose, and that he had a Ford 4 door seden, black in color, with Minnesota plates. He said that this man Rudick used to talk over the phene in code, and that was another reason why he was suspicious of him. He said that Mrs. Rudick was about 28 years cld; 5'8" tall; weight, about 125 pounds; slender build; blonde; tough looking, and that she left the apartment about three days before Rudick did, and the day that Rudick left someone came up to help him pack and move out, and he feels that this helpmate was Phillips although he is not sure of it. He said that a short time after the Rudicks moved out, possibly ten days or two weeks, he learned from the postal carrier and detectives that Rudick had been arrested.

At Police Headquarters it was learned that this individual is identical with Edward Rudick, New York City #B-107316, and was arrested on September 18, 1932, together with four others, charged with extortion, and was discharged on September 26, 1932. The following four persons were arrested with Rudick:

EDWARD BURNS, #B-107315
JOHN BOYD . #B-107317
FRANK O'HARA, #B-62510
ARTHUR FORDRUNG, #B-98447.

All were discharged except Fordrung, who is still awaiting trial. Detective Bill Wallace, of the Main Office detail, who made the arrests, advised that Rudick had a Ford car with 1932 Minneseta plates #B327,213 and that three of the persons arrested with him were from New York City and one was also from St. Paul or Minneapolis, but he does not recall which one. The five may be found in stand-up photograph #15245. The records further indicate that Rudick was arrested at Mismi, Florida on March 7, 1934 on a marcotic charge and turned over to the U. S. Marcotic Service.

The this connection, the Jacksonville office is being requested to make suitable investigation and to interview /Rudick to determine what he knows with respect to Phillips.





Inspector Rorer should advise the Jacksonville office if Edward Rudiek has figured in this or allied investigations. The New York City office has no additional information with respect to him.

You will also note from my letter of April 15th that while in New York City in August and September, 1952, either Phillips or Winnie Williams telephoned Regent 4-1906. This telephone is for five medical doctors grouped in one of fice at 121 East 60th Street, Manhattan. They were interviewed and it has been determined that Winnie Williams was the one who made the calls. Dr. Max Trubek, one of the doctors, advised as follows:

In the latter part of August, 1932, a patient same in to him by the name of Mrs. Mary Jackson, President Hotel [this hotel is opposite the Hotel Belveders). She was referred to him by a Dr. Doherty, an eye doctor on East 55th Street. She said that do had been walking up and down East 55th Street and drepped in to see Dr. Deherty, who referred her to him, Dr. Trubek. The doctor said that this patient was suffering from a severe case of syphilis and in her them condition was a menace to public health and should not have been on her feet. He said he treated her and gained her confidence and it was not until the fourth visit that he did main her confidence to the extent that she gave him certain information with respect to herself. He said that he revely has patients from the west side and never from any west side hotels and when she first same in she had such a hunted and hangdog look he determined to treat her just as he would any other patient and did so with the result that he gained her confidence.

The doctor was very loath to furnish this office with the information winnie williams furnished him, edvising that it was secured in the strictest confidence. He said that she talk him she had been married to her present husband a year; that she had previously been married and had a girl aged eleven. She said her present husband was a traveling salesman and that they travel over the country a great deal and that they have very little money. The said it was in St. Louis in February, 1932 that she learned for the first time she was suffering from this disease and shortly thereafter learned that her present husband had the disease for some time previous to the marriage and had been receiving treatments.

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for it for years before her marriage and that he had concealed the fast from her at the time of marriage. The dector said he feels quite sure she had that her husband had syphilis of the sarah sut she did not heation the agent of said she despised her present husband. He said that he treated her a few times up to September 18, 1932 and she went away and returned for one treatment on Novembar 16, 1932 and he has not seen her at nee but he did give her a source of treatments for two years. He said that on one occasion she brought her little girl in and wanted a blood test taken but she later did not care to go through with it. The doctor said that he never saw Bernard Phillips nor did he ever hear of him.

It will be observed from the above that Winnis Williams did not tell the whole truth when she was interviewed recently. When Phillips left her, if she did not have knowledge of the fact that he would not return, it would not appear that she would change her room as she did. Further, it is noted that she checked out of the Hotel Belvedere on September 24, 1932 and was in New York on November 16, 1932. It is suggested, when she is interviewed again, there be secured from her the names of the doctors in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, etc., who treated Phillips for syphilis. She should also be questioned, of course, senterning Edward Rudick and whether he is a close friend of Phillips.

Very truly yours,

VAL C. ZDEGER, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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